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Hancock County tumbles to fourth in employee residences at Stennis

(See related story, pg. 10A)
By ELIS C. CUEVAS
It was good news and bad news for Hancock County. The Partners for Stennis conference about the Stennis Space Center's 1997 Economic Impact on Thursday. The good news for Hancock County was that the economic impact for a 50-mile radius of the test facility, which is primarily located in the county, has increased from \$258 mil-

lion in 1996 to \$293 million in 1997.
In employee residences at the John C. Stennis Space Center for 1997, Hancock fell to fourth place behind Pearl River, St. Tammany and Harrison County. Hancock County was ahead of Harrison County in 1996.
The number of Hancock County residents at Stennis is now 722, 19%, compared to

755, 21% for 1997. Pearl River's residents increased from 976 to 1,002 in 1997. There was an increase of 151 employees for 1997 compared to 1996 at the test facility.
The economic study was presented by Dr. Charles Campbell, professor of economics, Mississippi State University, who has compiled the economic data for the past several years for Stennis.
The center's payroll in 1997

was \$212 million for the tenants of the Stennis Space Center.
Impact from NASA within the 50-mile radius was \$148 million along with \$86 million for the Navy's operations, and construction of facilities set at \$18 million.
Jon Roth, NASA assistant to the director, Stennis Space Center, commented about the significant percentage of SSC employees with doctorate, mas-

ter's and associate's degrees.
He also mentioned the great support the center receives from Dr. Campbell at Mississippi State.
Roy Estes, director, Stennis Space Center, talked about the expansions to this place at Stennis over the new few years. He said there was a \$100 million plan of which he already had \$60 million in hand for fu-

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Hall named for founder

Robert E. Jones Hall at Gulfside United Methodist Assembly is named for the assembly's founder.

Gulfside celebrates 75th anniversary

BY BETSY GAGNET
During its 75th Anniversary this year, Gulfside United Methodist Assembly in Waveland will celebrate its rich history with an eye toward the future.
This Friday, Gulfside will host a 75th Anniversary dinner in honor of the Ebony Bishops and the Presidents of United Methodist Church, affiliated historically Black colleges/universities.
Gulfside was founded in 1923 by Bishop Robert E. Jones, the first African-American to be a general superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church.
At that time, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South was strictly segregated and Gulfside evolved out of the need for a gathering place for African-American Methodists. Bishop Jones wanted a meeting place for African-Americans within his own district which included West Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi.
Despite segregation and Jim Crow laws, he gathered together a group of 24 ministers and laypersons who would raise \$4,000 by 1923 to acquire 316 more from the state.
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We still have a long way to go...I'm proud of how far we've come...I take it one day at a time...

Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald

Pass Christian is enjoying smooth sailing

BY ED LEPOMA
Like the Titanic, Pass Christian was drowning in a sea of debt just two years ago. City streets and drainage were patched up when the need

arose, but major capital improvements were put on the back burner. There was disunity among the mayor and Board of Aldermen, and morale of city workers was at an all-time low.

Last week Mayor Billy McDonald gave the State of the City speech to citizens attending a Rotary luncheon. Pass Christian has escaped from crashing into the iceberg

and sinking, he said. Now, the city is acting more like "The Unsinkable Mollie Brown."
McDonald says the city continues to pay down its bonded indebtedness, pave streets, em-

barked on improvements to the Municipal Harbor, and raised salaries of city employees for the last two years. He antici-

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Real People to roll Tuesday

On Feb. Tuesday, beginning at 1:30 p.m., the Krewes of Real People will roll on the streets of Bay St. Louis.

The 1998 Grand Marshall is Mr. Ira Hatchett.

Hatchett is the owner and operator of WBSL radio station licensed to Hancock County and located on Casino Magic Drive in Bay St. Louis. In 1989, he became the first African-American to own a broadcast facility on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Hatchett attended Philander Smith A&M College and graduated in 1971 with a bachelor's of arts degree in psychology/social science.

He has been married to the former Bennie Williams for 23 years. They have three children: Barry, who is captain in the U.S. Army, Delores, who is the real estate business in Jackson, Tenn. and Anthony, who is a student at the University of Arkansas.

Hatchett is a member of the Hancock County Emergency

Preparedness Commission, Hancock County Journalism Association, Mississippi Black Journalist Association, and the Mississippi Association of Broadcasters.

He was granted the title of Grand Marshall at the krewes' coronation ball held on Feb. 7. The 1998 King Kendall Tims and Queen Azalea Henderson were crowned. Both are from

Gulfsport.
The krewes' Ellsworth Collins Service Award recipient this year was Mrs. Dorothy Bradley for her many years of

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Casino Magic merges

Casino Magic Corp. (Nasdaq: CMAG) announced today that it has entered into a merger agreement with Hollywood Park, Inc. (NYSE: HPK) providing shareholders of Casino Magic with the right to cash out at \$2.27 per share. The agreement calls for Casino Magic to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of

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Hatchett

Lighthouse project calms down

**ELLA REE PALMER
WILLIAM RUTH
HAZEL A. SIBLEY
ELLA REE PALMER**

Mrs. Ella Ree Lee Palmer, 90, of the Leetown community, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998, in Chalmette, La.

Mrs. Palmer was a native of Hancock County and was an assistant manager and waitress with Uncle Chester Fish House, a family-owned and operated restaurant. She was a member of the Leetown Chapel, No. 2 Baptist Church in Leetown.

Survivors include her husband, R. Dewayne Palmer; her mother, Effie Stockstill Lee; two sons, Richie Dewayne Palmer and James William Palmer, all of Leetown; two daughters, Donette Lee of Kiln and Susan Harmon of Leetown; two brothers, Alvin B. Lee of Leetown and Bertram D. Lee of Leetown; and seven grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Lee's Chapel No. 2 Baptist Church. Services were conducted Saturday followed by burial in Leetown Cemetery.

WILLIAM RUTH
William "Bill" Ruth, 84, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mr. Ruth was a native and former resident of New Orleans and a resident of Pass Christian for the past 35 years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Modesta Leitz Ruth; parents, William Philip and Carrie Zimmer Ruth; and two sisters, Philippina May Smith and Thelma Orlano.

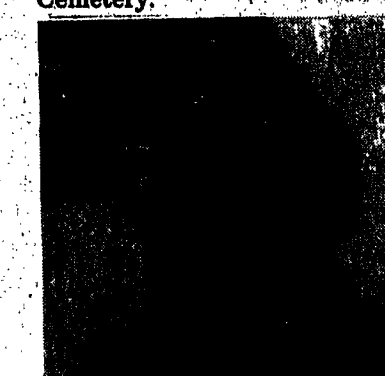
Survivors include a daughter, Shirley Mae Ruth of Metairie, and devoted friends Ron Nugent and Harry Hall of Pass Christian.

A private service was conducted Friday at Hops Mausoleum in New Orleans.

HAZEL A. SIBLEY
Hazel Alice Nicholson Sibley, 90, of Pechuca, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, in Okolona.

Survivors include a son, John D. Sibley of Diamondhead; two daughters, Catherine Jean Ryan of Albuquerque, N.M. and Garole Sibley Smith of Louisville, Ky.; two sisters, Nell Thornton of Madisonville, Ky., and Jessie McRoy of Meridian; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Wright's Funeral Home in Quitman, followed by graveside services and burial in Pachuta Cemetery.



In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of
EVELYN RICHARDSON
Feb. 21, 1923-April 8, 1997

February brings sad memories of a loved one gone to rest. You will never be forgotten by the ones who loved you best.

Sadly missed by
Husband, Children
and Grandchildren

BY ED LEPOMA

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Veglia hopes to get a \$7,500 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission for the project, and

Two arrested for possession

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Waveland Police officers observing suspicious activity led to the arrest of two persons at a Waveland Shopping Center early Thursday morning.

Hancock County Drug Task Force director Shane Corr said: "The two were in a vehicle around 12:07 a.m., and when officers walked up to the vehicle they spotted marijuana and cocaine in plain view," Corr said.

Carlos Antonio Davis, 34, 3416 20th St., Gulfport, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, cocaine. Rod Williams, 52, 4402 E. Aloha Drive, Diamondhead, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance, marijuana. Shane said. Bond was set at \$5,000 each.

Waveland Patrolmen C.J. Lick, Gene Boswell and Glen Volkman made the arrest. Task Force officer Mike Boyd is in charge of the investigation.



In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of
GLADYS SHEPPARD
Dec. 19, 1928-Feb. 23, 1997

It's hard to believe it's been a year. It still hurts with every tear. We miss your smiling face, although you're in a better place. Through all the laughter and tears we shared, we always knew that you cared.

Now the only thing we can do is cherish the wonderful memory of you.

From your loving
Sister-in-law Mary
and Family

BY ED LEPOMA

Hancock County might benefit when Mississippi Department of Human Services begins signing up food stamp recipients in the Congress-mandated Workfair Program.

Jackie Moore, a case worker out of DHS offices in Laurel, told supervisors that recently passed national legislation directs that "every able-bodied, single person with no dependent children" who is getting a minimum of \$122 in food stamps per month needs to enroll in a course to obtain their high school equivalency diploma or get work-related training.

Moore said the applicants for job training represent an opportunity for the county to expand its workforce without any expense, since trainees are paid with federal funds.

She said that applicants could be used on various construction projects in the county and in other employment.

"The county should begin screening trainees soon, and potential employers would be sent to interview with the county and with other businesses in Hancock County."

Supervisor Designated County Administrator Tom Kellar to interview trainees and monitor persons who might be hired by the county. "You're obligated to hire anybody we send you," she told Kellar.

Moore said she expects to sign up five to 10 persons initially, but that number could soon swell.

She said the city of Bay St. Louis has also agreed to take some candidates, and that's approach other businesses in the area to participate in the Workfair Program.

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Methodist caregiving course
Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis will be offering a 10-week Christian Caregiving Course beginning Thursday, March 5 at 9:30 a.m.

Purpose of the study will be to help individuals as commissioned Christians do Jesus' work of reaching out with love to the people in need. Practical instructions on how to do this will be covered by discussions and the playing. Each class, led by a nurse Hively, will meet from 9 a.m. to noon each week. Registration fee is \$8.00 covers most of a study book.

An evening session led by Pastor Van O'Connor will be offered in April. The course is open to all individuals who are willing to grow in understanding and practice as a caring Christian.

For information or to reserve a place for an evening session, contact the church office at 467-4538.

Life Choices expo

Gulfside Assembly will host a Life Choices Expo College and Career Fair on Sat. Feb. 28 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The purpose of the expo is to give students the opportunity to discuss their educational and career plans and goals with representatives from educational institutions, entrepreneurs, and businesses.

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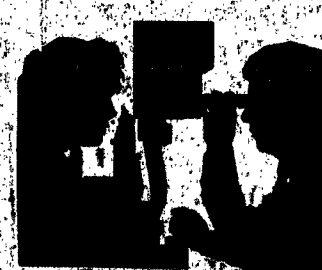
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BY MARY
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Bay moves forward with drainage improvements

BY MARY JO SELLER
Bay officials have put a major drainage improvement program out for public review, and look for the first step toward an overhaul of Engman Avenue.

The drainage project—second in a series of three—covers much of the city south of Highway 90 and east of St. Francis Street. Officials expect this segment of the drainage program to be the most costly one, since it involves reconstruction in the old town area.

Work began Feb. 4 on the initial phase of a \$5.5 million drainage improvement package, funded with a general obligation bond. Mayor Eddie Favre told City Council officials, "We will be ready to call for bids on the third phase of the program in two weeks."

While the city moves forward with drainage improvements, officials said the recent heavy storms pointed out a need to convert Engman Avenue into a reliable escape route for residents of the Cedar Point area. The narrow road runs from Casino Magic Drive to North Beach.

Boulevard, and is only partially paved.

Favre's request that the city hire Brown & Mitchell engineering company for the road rebuilding design was "turned down" by council members, who said local engineering companies should be used.

And council members questioned how much of the road's deteriorated condition is due to heavy construction work that occurred while Casino Magic was building its golf facilities.

A couple of years ago, the road was "passable," until the golf course project got underway, council member Tad Black said. He suggested the casino help foot the bill for upcoming work to repair and improve the route.

But Favre said the casino already has done drainage work along the route, and he challenged the notion that the route has deteriorated due to construction vehicles. "Normal traffic has run it down," said the mayor.

In any case, council members

agreed that engineering work should begin soon on upgrading Engman. Favre said he suggested Brown & Mitchell because the firm already has completed some topographical work for the casino along the route.

He said two Bay St. Louis firms, James Chinich and Compton's Engineering, have been awarded substantial city contracts on other projects.

Council member James Thrifflay said the city should get engineering proposals on the scope of the project. And he said if Casino Magic wants the road upgraded, it should supply any engineering work the topographical work it's already paid for, saving the city money.

"How much is it going to cost and where are we going to get the money," asked Black.

Favre outlined the project, which would build up the base of Engman, unpaved portion, and lay down stone down for future paving, with curbing. The price tag is indefinite at this point. Council agreed to hold a special

workshop Feb. 25 to meet with engineers interested in the project. That meeting also will feature discussions with auditors from Moore & Powell, concerning results of a city audit and with insurance company representatives concerning health coverage for city workers.

In another matter Tuesday, council member Carlton Moran urged the mayor to have the city's new Recreation Department launch some programs for the public. Department director Les Fillingame recently completed a "wonderful survey" to determine what programs the public wants, she said. "I would like for him to start one of these programs," she added, suggesting karate as a relatively inexpensive, but popular program.

"Do we have the money to start karate for kids to have something to do this summer?" she asked. "If we are not going to have these programs, why do we have a recreation director?" Favre repeatedly assured Moran that new recreational programs

will be launched soon, but he said the offerings will be staged "gradually," beginning with the least expensive ones. Ultimately, the city will offer a full range of recreational programs, the mayor said.

Fillingame said in a January memorandum that swimming, youth camps and martial arts were the most requested activities in the survey of youths. Adults, he said, requested walking and jogging clubs, beach volleyball, martial arts and swimming.

Self defense and martial arts can be accommodated immediately, he said in the memo, adding he plans to offer a two week camp in the gymnasium as soon as basketball season ends this month.

In other matters, council:

—Heard a briefing from Betty Ruth Hawkins, newly appointed

director of the Main Street Program under the Development Foundation. Council member Moran said she was concerned over possible duplication of effort between that group and the Downtown Merchants Association.

—Agreed to demolish a dwelling in the 600 block of Keller Street, as recommended by Building Inspector Bill Carraige.

—Agreed to apply for a grant to install steel roll up shutters at the new Senior Citizens building, so the facility can be used as an emergency shelter during hurricanes.

—Learned gaming revenues from Casino Magic to the city were \$195,612 during January. That's \$32,000 more than receipts for January 1997, and \$21,000 more than revenues for December.

Circus Circus reissued permit

BY ED LEPOMA

Just 15 days after it suspended the Circus Circus casino permit, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers reinstated it.

The action was good news to Jackson-based attorney James Robertson, who said he was "very pleased" by the decision. Robertson represents the Pine Hill Development Corp., and Circus Circus, developers of the proposed \$300 million gambling/resort complex. He would not comment further.

Col. William S. Vogel, Dis-

trict Engineer with the Corps office in Mobile, notified developers by letter dated Feb. 5, since there were no immediate construction plans, he thought the public interest would best be served by an immediate suspension of the permit. Robertson said the Corps' decision to reinstate the permit (on the Bay of St. Louis) may be further contested and assessed.

On Friday, Pat Robbins, the Corps Public Relations Officer, confirmed "The Circus Circus permit was reinstated on Feb. 17."

Robbins said, "The staff looked at cumulative and indirect impacts. After that evaluation, a determination was made there would be no significant impact in the two areas of concern."

Circus Circus plans its casino development in Harrison County at the south end of the Kila-Delele exit off Interstate 10.

Besides the five interconnected gambling floors, the development would include a 30-story, 1,400-room hotel and related retail shops, five-story

parking garage and a 700-foot recreational pier.

Construction is expected to create 4,000 jobs, and 2,700 full-time jobs are predicted once the casino comes on line. Developers have also agreed to provide water and sewer facilities to residents in the Delisle area at no cost to the West Harrison County Utility District.

Circus Circus Senior Vice President David Belding and Public Relations spokesperson Sarah Relston were contacted to make comment at Las Vegas headquarters, but did not return the Echo's repeated phone calls.

Supers approve address updates

BY ED LEPOMA

Supervisors have given approval to Hancock County's 911 Commission to check and update home addresses in Bay St. Louis and Waveland in order to improve emergency services.

Sheiff Ronnie Peterson told supervisors the Commission has money to complete the project, expected to take between six to eight months.

It needs to be done. It's way overdue," said Peterson, who noted that home addresses in the county were updated for the 911 system in 1986.

Supervisors authorized the Commission to hire Ed Foster of Gulf Coast Aerial Mapping Company and to hire one additional employee to assist him. Foster estimated the cost for each city would run about \$18,000, but the board authorized the Commission to spend up to \$40,000 for the update.

Foster will work with an assistant from County Tax Assessor Eddie Murtagh's office, and Murtagh told supervisors because of growth taking place in the county, the Commission will soon need a full-time employee to administer the 911 system.

The aim is to establish home addresses and have citizens prominently display their address, so police, fire, and ambulance crews can find them more

quickly.

The update may require re-naming of some streets, Foster said, to avoid confusion and duplication. "We're going to affect as few people as possible," he said.

In other business at Tuesday's meeting, supervisors authorized Coastal Family Health Clinic to sign a lease so it can return to Hancock County, although two supervisors weren't pleased with the proposed location.

Coastal's Executive Director Joe Dawsey said he planned to rent 4,000 square feet in the Market Town Shopping Center off Dunbar Avenue, and he said the landlord has agreed to make the necessary improvements. He said the lease would be for five years, with options to renew.

Dawsey said Coastal hopes to open the clinic the first week of May and once again provide low-cost medical treatment to Hancock County's poor and elderly.

District 1 Supervisor Jeep Ladner and District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman said they favored a location that would be more convenient to their constituents in the Lakeshore-Pearlington area, but agreed to let the clinic reopen at the proposed location with the stipula-

tion that Dawsey would keep looking for an alternate site.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour said he wanted to see better progress on Texas Flat Road. He said the road building project is inconveniencing people who live in the area and discouraging visitors from camping at McLeod Water Park.

Park Ranger Roland Lee also said business has been off at the recreational site because Texas Flat Road as it intersects with Hwy. 603 is blocked off. He asked supervisors to order the contractor to post signs directing campers to use Stennis Road, then a road going north through the airport in order to get to McLeod Park.

County Road engineer Larry Seal said the heavy rains have delayed road construction, but he remained confident the job would be completed on time.

Supervisors also:

—Gave Calgon Carbon Corp. a 10-year tax exemption on \$2.6 million worth of new equipment it has installed at its Port Blenville plant. Pullman and Moran complained the county was losing money because of the exemption, but supervisors unanimously voted to allow it anyway. Calgon will not be exempt from taxes levied for county schools.

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"CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

There are still several parades to make their rounds on the local scene for this Mardi Gras season. This afternoon, St. Paul Carnival Association's Mardi Gras parade is set to roll at 1 p.m. in Pass Christian.

The Pass parade begins at Davis and Handy streets, travels down Scenic Drive to Highway 90, and winds its way to St. Paul Avenue where it disbands.

The annual Pass parade is a family affair and includes the largest number of floats along the Coast.

Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras Day as it is known locally, is Tuesday, and we have two large parades in the Waveland-Bay St. Louis area.

The Krewe of Nereids is set to roll a 11 a.m., and the Krewe of Real People is scheduled at 1:30 p.m.

Severe weather last Sunday caused a change of the day and time for Nereids, which will mark its 31st year.

Nereids is followed by the Krewe of Eros and Krewe of Hancock.

Parade goers are reminded that no glass containers, roller skates, line skates, skate boards, bicycles, makes, dogs, silly string, snapping pops, etc., will be allowed along the Nereids parade route.

Nereids forms at the Choctaw Plaza Shopping Center with the route beginning on Highway 90 at 603 and travels east to Bouslog and then west on 90 to Waveland Avenue where it disbands.

The Krewe of Real People parade forms at the Commagere Park on Bookter Street. It travels Bookter to Nacaise, Nacaise to Main, Main to Beach Boulevard, Beach to Court, Court to S. Second, Second to Union, Union to Railroad (Third), Third to Sycamore, Sycamore to Old Spanish Trail, Old Spanish Trail to Bookter to disband.

I am hoping everyone will have a great Mardi Gras time and most important have a safe day. I hope to see you at the parades.

Thursday night's Diamondhead Business and Professional Association's Business After Hours will be held Thursday 5 to 7 p.m. at the Whitney Bank Diamondhead Branch.

Branch manager Ames Kergosien reports that everyone is welcome to the event.

This is a reminder that the regular monthly meeting of the Diamondhead Business & Professional Association is set for Friday, 8-9 a.m. at the Park Inn Lakes. They usually meet on Thursdays, but this month it is on Friday.

Guest speaker will be Jeff Hall, senior purchasing agent for Wellman, Inc.

Letters Welcome

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers on subjects of general interest. Letters must be signed and include address or phone number so that the sender can be contacted by the newspaper if necessary. Letters should be brief, preferably type-written and double spaced, and conform to standards of good taste. Only one letter per writer per month will be published. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters.

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—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Compretta's personal concerns really impress letter writer

To the Editor:
The other day I received a freerider course in American government. I had written a letter to The Echo in praise of the wonderful training in CPR and EMT provided by the Waveland Fire Department. Those comments and my gratitude for the training remained.

In the letter I also mentioned that a recent law passed by the State appeared to place additional financial and time burdens on the fire departments, and I commented that anything which does so may not be in any of our best interest.

I was surprised to get a visit from our local State Representative, J. P. Compretta. He discussed the bill with me. Compretta said that he made it clear that he was upset that I had not contacted him about this piece of legislation.

He was not upset that I had concerns about it. He was upset that instead of calling him first I had included it in my letter to the editor.

I am a pretty average citizen, better than some, worse than

others. My 28-year background in the Navy kept me moving, and my part in the process of government consisted largely of voting by absentee ballots.

The candidates were just names. They had faces, families and lives. Elected officials were not "real" to me, and the military doesn't exactly jump for joy to go out of the "chain of command" about things, especially to civilian officials.

That's my excuse, but excuses only serve to make the person sitting at the desk feel better. When I learned the other day that a "average" citizen in this district can voice his or her concerns to a "real" live person, I was not just rubber stamp things.

That's a pretty good thing to know, and I am pleased to share my lesson in American government and how it is really working here.

Sincerely,
Terry Latham
Diamondhead

Reader wants to know, why keep electing attorneys?

Dear Editor:
Why do we keep electing attorneys to Congress and/or the Mississippi Legislature?

In hindsight they rarely write a piece of legislation which the crooks can't siphon off billions of dollars.

Social Security Disability Medicare, The Budget, Medicaid, Welfare and all its parts and Type 7 FHA subsidies.

Well, a list as long as every page of this paper could probably be assembled, but I think you get the message. So, why

not elect accountants or economists who know it's not right to lower taxes when the country has over a \$5.7 billion deficit.

They would not call the President's budget balanced, nor would I, for it's full of holes and still leaves a huge deficit which we pay interest to Wall Street money men.

So next time there's an election, don't just vote for a familiar name, do some soul searching and elect a man qualified to make the right decisions!

Regards,
James P. Kaupp
Waveland

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative Dirk Deddeaux

Ten pregnancy addressed

Mississippi has the highest teen pregnancy rate of any state. The Mississippi Task Force on Reducing Out-of-Wedlock Pregnancies has recommended to the Legislature that the age of consent be raised from 14 to 16.

National studies have determined that two-thirds of babies born to school-aged girls were fathered by men who were 20 years old or older. Present law does not recognize a minimum age for sexual intercourse.

House Bill 534 changes this by raising the age of consent to 16. Under this bill, anyone who has carnal knowledge with a person under 16 or

younger will be guilty of a crime and could go to the penitentiary.

In other floor action this week the House passed a bill that would allow law enforcement to fine people \$25 who allowed children under the age of 12 to ride in the back of a pickup truck. This bill was intensely debated.

Many members who favored the measure stood up and told stories about how they had seen tragic accidents where children had been unnecessarily killed because they had not been wearing safety belts.

Senators work on House bills in committees while floor debate centers on money

Senate floor action last week was dominated by debate on bills to support state government agencies, while committees got down to work on House bills.

Both houses face a Wednesday (Feb. 25) deadline to approve their own appropriations and revenue bills. March 3 is the deadline for committees to act on bills from the other chamber. Among the funding bills passed by the Senate was SB 3210, whose primary purpose is to support the State Military Department. An amendment added \$3.5 million to expand the Camp Shelby-based Youth Challenge Program, which has proved highly successful in helping youths complete their high school educations and avoid getting into trouble with the law.

Expansion of the program will provide an opportunity for 400 more youths per year to turn their lives around. Our Youth Challenge Program is recognized nationally for its high success rate and provides our state with a way to help at-risk young people, who might otherwise make some bad personal decisions that could lead to imprisonment.

Other Senate appropriations bills headed for House consideration include:

—SB 3219 to fund operations of the State Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station at Mississippi State University. Within this budget is money to fund animal waste research because of concerns expressed about the growth and impact of swine farming in northeast Mississippi.

—SB 3245 to continue State Aid road construction. Within this budget is \$25 million to continue repair and replacement of damaged rural bridges.

—SB 3291 to fund operations of the State Treasurer's Office and expand its investment operations for the millions of dollars Mississippi has received and will receive from the national tobacco settlement.

Thus far, the state has received \$170 million, which has earned some \$5 million in interest since June. In December, another \$68 million is expected to be received from payments reportedly to continue for decades. Meanwhile, the Legislature is considering how to put the money to the best use, including a bill to establish a trust fund from which the interest could be available for future appropriations.

On Tuesday, legislators had the honor to attend a special luncheon recognizing outstanding students and teachers at our state's community and junior colleges, universities and colleges. Pulitzer-Prize nominee Clifton Taubert, a Glen Allan native known throughout the world for his writings about Mississippi, gave an inspiring speech about building community.

On Thursday, the Senate welcomed and recognizes several special guests: Angel Whitley of Vicksburg, Miss. Mississippi USA; Willie L. Williams, crime-fighting activist and former Los Angeles and Philadelphia police chief; and World War II veterans representing the famed Buffalo Soldiers.

Later in the day, we honored Dr. Bill Ferris of Oxford, recently confirmed as the executive director of the National Endowment for the Arts.

We also remembered our former colleague, Sen. Hannon Miller of Greenville, who passed away recently. His widow and daughters were present when we passed a commendatory resolution in his honor.

Please let me know if you have questions about legislative crisis. I am happy to assist you in any way. I appreciate the opportunity to represent you in the State Senate.

Sen. Scottie Cuevas can be contacted during the Legislative Session by calling 601-359-3770 or by writing P.O. box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215.

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Photo: Hannon Miller, former legislator, and his wife, Mary, at a legislative session. Miller was a member of the House of Representatives and served as a member of the Senate.

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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

Joseph Grant did what any other Joe would have when the doctor told him he had cancer. He swallowed hard and wondered whether he could beat the odds. However, things looked dim when the doctor added that his days were severely numbered.

Joe's wife Toni (Antonia) had told him about the virtues of raw food, carrot juice and barleygreen. So, he was not all resistant when she urged him to take the barleygreen, although he did not find the carrot juice to his liking.

Misgivings about the curative powers of raw food he had plenty, but raw food was the last bastion of hope. With Toni as his counselor, he got away from most animal products except a bit of chicken, turkey or

cheese now and then.

At that point, Joe's PSA count was 226, indicating entrenched prostate cancer. Quietly concluding that Joe did not have many days left on earth, the doctor had reluctantly dropped the painful news. Toni turned to the barleygreen.

As any red-blooded New Orleansian, Joe resisted getting away from animal products, especially shrimp, though dumping red meat and most other meat did not prove too harrowing.

Chicken breasts sliced and baked, stewed turkey necks and a pinch of cheese here and there are less harmful animal products, but still contraband for cancer patients. Even though

Cancer-killing raw food

Joe ate those occasionally, his PSA count is still falling.

Despite halfhearted stabs at consuming raw food, a PSA of 226 quickly dropped to 98, from there to 64, then down to 22. As we read, the doctor expects the next reading to be below 13, which is below the cancer level. Eliminating most animal products from the diet, and eating a lot of vegetables in salads, Joe suddenly found himself in a strange world in almost total contrast with New Orleans.

Such culinary combat in what is arguably the eatery capital of the world can soon become a lonely, depressing battle, unless positive, visible results become evident quickly. Fortunately for Joe, he began to feel those changes immediately.

First of all, he astounded his doctor by not only surviving beyond the few days the doctor expected him to live, but by regaining his appetite and some pep in his step. In a word, he looked only like someone about to live and prosper.

"What are you doing, Mr. Grant?" the doctor asked him, fully expecting him to be al-

ready dead. Elementary, my dear doctor. Abandoning cholesterol-laden animal products and food killed by cooking, Joe turned to live, body-friendly foods.

Animal products and cooked food had presented the cells of Joe's body with very imperfect and/or dead fuel which caused very poor replacement for the 300 million cells lost every minute through physical exertion and natural attrition.

Now the raw food was piping in live, powerful fuel which generated almost perfect cells which in their turn drove out the wild, imperfect cells that we call cancer.

As the new, vibrant cells began to take over, Joe's immune system snapped back into dynamic action, firing his energy and popping his muscles into renewed strength and stamina. Extra barleygreen recently got him out of a wheelchair.

Joe still has a long way to go, but he feels his body gaining in strength and vitality every day. He knows heaven is his homeland, but he's not homesick — yet.

St. Paul's Carnival Assn. announces 1998 royalty

St. Paul's Carnival Association of Pass Christian announced Christopher Schmidt of Pass Christian reigned as King Christian LXVIII.

Nancy Stone Bourgeois, who also resides in Pass Christian, reigned as Queen Christiana. They represented Team II this carnival season and raised the most money through fund-raising events.

Team I candidates Angele Philibert Johns and David Boley reigned as Grand Duchess and Grand Duke, respectively. These royal couples presided over the St. Paul's Carnival Association Royal Ball Feb. 21 at the West Harrison County Civic Center on Esplanade Avenue in Pass Christian.

They will also reign over the parade through the streets of Pass Christian Sunday, Feb. 22.

King Christian LXVIII, Christopher Schmidt, is a life-long resident of Pass Christian. He is married to Jennifer Peneguy Schmidt, and they are the parents of a daughter. He is a graduate of the University of Mississippi Law School and is employed as an assistant district attorney for Harrison County.

Schmidt's mother, Mrs. Shirley Schmidt, reigned as Queen Christian in 1972. The 1998 Queen Christiana, Nancy Stone Bourgeois, is a native of Gulfport.

Bourgeois is self-employed as a free lance marketing and public relations specialist. Her husband, Larry Bourgeois, is also employed as an assistant district attorney for Harrison County.

Through their fund-raising efforts, Team I raised \$15,409. Team II raised \$32,237, for a combined total of \$47,646. These funds benefit St. Paul's Catholic School of Pass Christian.

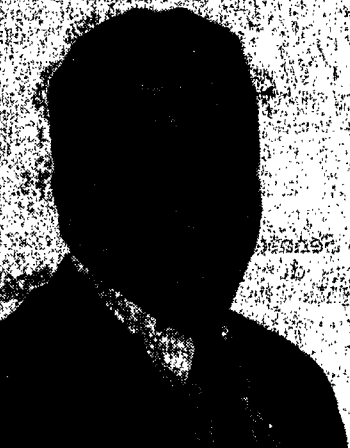
Masking contest

St. Paul's Carnival is having a Mardi Gras Masking Contest in the St. Paul Catholic School gym, 151 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian after the St. Paul Carnival Association parade Sunday.

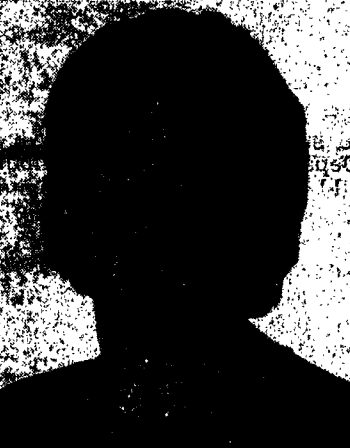
There will be trophies awarded to the winners in adult and child categories. The theme for this year's parade is "Symphony of the South." Trophies are awarded to the winning float entries in the gym after the parade, and this year the masking contest will be held at the same time.

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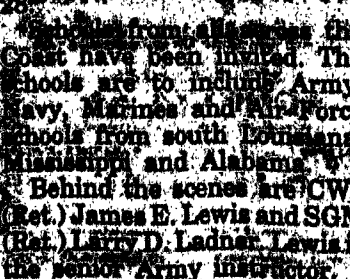
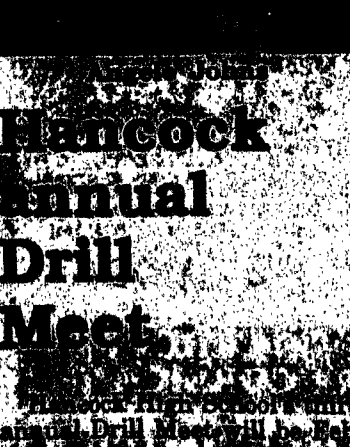
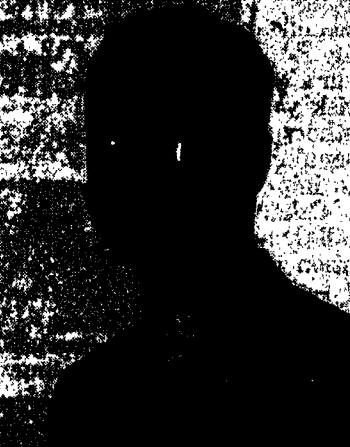
A section of Old Spanish Trail will be closed to through traffic Wednesday through Friday between the Charles and Southeast streets. Road Closures of Old Spanish Trail will be in effect from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The closure is necessary for the annual drill meet. Old Spanish Trail is a historic road that runs from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of Mexico. It is a beautiful road with many historic sites. The closure is necessary for the annual drill meet. Old Spanish Trail is a historic road that runs from the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of Mexico. It is a beautiful road with many historic sites. The closure is necessary for the annual drill meet.



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Republican heavyweights to attend conference

Mississippi Republican Party Chairman Mike Retzer has announced plans for the opening general session of the SRLC. The opening general session will be Friday, Feb. 27. The SRLC, hosted in Biloxi by the Mississippi Republican Party, will kick off Thursday, Feb. 26, with a women's leadership seminar at noon and "A Salute to Republican Women" reception that evening. The conference will run through March 1.

Numerous Republican Party heavyweights will speak at the Friday general session. The session will open with a welcome by Gov. Kirk Fordice. Former Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes and former Vice President Dan Quayle, both of whom are potential candidates for the GOP presidential nomination in 2000, will address the assembled delegates.

Senators speaking include Kay Bailey Hutchison, Mitch McConnell and Majority Whip Don Nickles of Oklahoma.

Hutchison is a popular Texas Republican now in her second term. McConnell, a third term Kentucky Republican, is chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee. Nickles was elevated to the number two post in the Senate Republican leadership when he was elected to succeed Sen. Trent Lott as Majority Whip.

Other prominent Republicans on the program include former Christian Coalition Executive Director Ralph Reed and National Federation of Republican Women (NFRW) President Mary Arndt. After building the Christian Coalition into a potent political organization, Reed left the group last year to form his own political consulting firm, Century Strategies.

Arndt, as president of the NFRW, presides over one of the largest Republican auxiliary organizations in the nation.

Mississippi Republican Party Chairman Mike Retzer commented, "This is just one event in a conference full of prominent speakers. Delegates will be treated to a host of Repu-

Conference will draw positive national attention to Mississippi

When a host of nationally prominent Republicans converge on the Gulf Coast next week, much of the nation's media will turn their attention to Mississippi.

Media outlets such as *The Washington Post*, *The LA Times*, *ABC News*, *U.S. News & World Report* and the London-based news magazine *The Economist* will be on hand to cover the Southern Republican Leadership Conference (SRLC).

Mississippi Republican Party Chairman Mike Retzer said the media attending the SRLC to focus on Republican Party politics will also see firsthand the progress Mississippi has made this decade.

Said Retzer, "The SRLC will help expose the country to the phenomenal growth and development that Mississippi has experienced with the leadership of people like Gov. Fordice, Sen. Cochran, Sen. Lott and an abundance of other visionary business and political leaders.

We are proud to the progress we have made and we are excited about the opportunity to share with the nation our positive message about Mississippi."

To date, 1,378 delegates from around the South have registered to attend the 1998 SRLC. The Mississippi Republican Party will host the SRLC from Feb. 26 through March 1 in Biloxi. Over 40 Republican luminaries are scheduled to speak during the four-day conference.

Delegates may still register by contacting the Mississippi Republican Party at 601-948-5191. Registration cost is \$175.

BSLLT auditions

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will hold auditions for musical "Mame" at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Boardman Avenue playhouse.

There are singing and acting roles for 17 men and 12 women of all ages. Auditions for a boy between 10 and 13.

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bican heavyweights. Aside from the people on the Friday general session, we will have speakers like Jack Kemp, Lamar Alexander, Earl Thompson, Newt Gingrich and J. C.

Watts. The list goes on and on. We are very proud to host an event of the magnitude of the SRLC in Mississippi.

With 1,356 delegates registered as of today, the SRLC stands to be the largest regional conference ever. Registration is still open at a cost of \$175 per delegate.

Neigh-bears

State Farm Insurance Company has donated 100 cuddly Neigh-bears to the Hancock, Harrison and Jackson County Sheriff's departments. Deputies will carry them in patrol cars and distribute them to children in distress due to domestic violence or other stressful situations. From left are agents: Sam Field, Kelly Cannon, Chief Juvenile Investigator Ken Hurt, Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, Felicia Craft-Palmer, Mike Meyers and Elvis Gates. Peterson was given a special bear named Ronnie to ride with him in his car on lonely nights. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

PRCC president readmitted

Pearl River Community College President Ted Alexander was readmitted to Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg Wednesday.

Alexander, 61, had been recuperating at home from injuries sustained in a one-car accident Feb. 4 on Hwy. 26 near the Poplarville campus.

Dr. Alexander has had an elevated temperature over an extended period of time and is experiencing a lot of discomfort," said Larry Stanford, PRCC spokesman. "His doctors believe a few more days in the hospital will allow them to aggressively treat the isolated

The Pearl River College president suffered two broken ribs, a punctured lung, cuts and lacerations when his wife swerved to avoid a deer and slammed into an oak tree. Barbara Alexander suffered minor bruises. Alexander was listed in good condition when he was released, but was later moved to intensive care for three days with internal bleeding that led to hemorrhagic shock. He was well enough to be released home Thursday, Feb. 12.

"This is a setback," said Stanford. "Obviously it has delayed his full recovery."

MILITARY MEN

SGT RALPH
Army Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Raph has arrived for duty at Stork Barracks, Hiesheim, Germany.

Thomas is an aircraft armament/electrical systems repairer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 7th Battalion, 169th Aviation Regiment.

He is the son of Lou M. Rowley of Pass Christian.

PO JOSH OSHIELDS
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Christopher E. Oshields, son of Margaret E. Oshields of Pass Christian, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with the ship landing ship Procmisland based in San Diego.

Oshields was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

He joined the Navy in February 1995.

PFC FINSTER
Marine Pfc. Dejon C. Finster, a 1996 graduate of Bay High School, recently participated in Exercise Invictus while on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

SGT JAMES GLOVING
Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class James Gloving, son of William Gloving, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with the ship landing ship Procmisland based in San Diego.

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hosted events from April to August including the Young Men's Christian Association Conference, Summer School for Town and Country Pastors, Summer School for Theology for aspiring ministers, 4-H and Scouting events and Bishop Jones' Area Council Meeting.

The Poor Boys School for underprivileged boys was established at Gulfside under Bishop Jones.

"When there was no public school for Blacks, it was the only school," said Marian Martin, the current Executive Director of Gulfside, explaining that girls were often allowed to sit in on the classes as well.

Gulfside continued to grow and flourish into the 1950s with the addition of several buildings. During that time of segregation, it has been described as an "oasis in the desert" for African Americans.

"This was the only place Blacks could come," Martin said. "It wasn't just black Methodists it was all Blacks. It was the only place Blacks could

swim."

During the civil rights movement Gulfside served as a meeting place for the region. There were very few places Blacks could meet during that time.

Progress was slowed in 1969 with the creation of the United Methodist Church and the integration of the all black Central Jurisdiction with the existing white conferences.

In 1969 Hurricane Camille wiped out 28 buildings on the grounds. Since African Americans were able to go to other conference centers, there was less interest in restoring Gulfside.

"Money was very slow coming," Martin said. "It remained open, but it just bumped along. Integration slowed down the restoration."

As Gulfside fell on hard times and began to deteriorate, even several leaders came together to save Gulfside and rebuild it.

The rebuilding is still going

on today under Martin's direction.

Martin said she was "lent" to Gulfside in 1990 by the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

"When I came in, there was only one building being used for meetings and the other buildings were shut down," she said.

Restoration was begun during that year and Martin extended her stay to two years.

"There was a lot going on that just couldn't be left," she said. Much of the work done on Gulfside was done by volunteers on a very small budget, Martin explained.

In February 1991, Martin returned to her job in New York, only to come back to Gulfside in September 1992.

Asked to come back on a "shared assignment," she said, "I became the director."

Gulfside today is once again the site of numerous meetings and conferences.

It has meeting rooms in four different buildings and accom-

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modations for up to 120 people. "We host conferences, meetings, banquets and weddings, year round," said Martin of the full-service facility.

Many of the programs are aimed at local youth including a summer day camp, an After School Tutorial Program for students at Waveland Elementary in grades K-3, and a Mission Education Travel Study Seminar.

The Mission Education Travel Study Program takes high school students on college tours with visits to historical points of interest especially those of significance to the Methodist Church.

A building campaign is underway to help pay for new buildings and renovations. A multi-cultural family life center is planned.

Martin said she sees Gulfside as being a support system for the community, for the schools and for the family.

"It expands a child's horizon to do things outside of the home and the classroom," she said. "We have kids who have never been out of the county."

On Feb. 28, Gulfside will host a Life Choices Expo College and Career Fair which will allow students to speak with representatives of educational institutions, entrepreneurs and businesses.

"We are very focused on children," Martin added. "We see children as everyone's responsibility."

For that reason, Martin said, it is important to keep the facility going and to keep the families and children involved in Gulfside's programs.

"The adults who were able to hold on to Gulfside were the people whose exposure as children was at Gulfside," she said. "You have to have someone to continue the legacy."

(Historical information obtained from Gulfside: Seventy-five Years of Service by Raymond R. Breaux published in the March-April 1993 issue of New World Outlook and Gulfside's New Day by Jinx C. Broussard published in the January 1981 issue of the Interpreter.)

Stennis

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ture expansions of facilities. He indicated the expansions, too, will add to the economic development of the area.

Rear Admiral Kenneth Barbour, commander, Naval Meteorological and Oceanography Command, said the Navy's outlook was well positioned and there will be significant gains at SSC.

Adm. Barbour also commented about the Navy having the 5th largest computer in the world located at Stennis.

Bill Stallworth, chairman of the Partners of Stennis, a group of Mississippi and Louisiana community leaders who support and enhance the development of agencies and programs at Stennis Space Center, welcomed everyone to the press conference.

People

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teaching and educating in the community.

The theme this year is "A Tribute to Indian Heritage." The court represented the five civilized tribes of Indians, namely, the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek, Seminole, and the Cherokee. Also shown was the traditional "Big Chief" with all his officers: Spy Girl, Spy Boy, Flag Boy, Medicine Man and the First Chief.

Magic

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Hollywood Park, thereby assuming the existing debt of Casino Magic in the amount of approximately \$263 million. The transaction is subject to regulatory approval, shareholder approval and other considerations.

"Look forward to being able to grow Casino Magic with Hollywood Park and capitalize on the expansion opportunities this combined operation will generate," said Marlin F. Torguson, chairman of Casino Magic. Torguson will remain with the company.

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Division 7-4AAA Tournament Bay High wins third straight title

BY RICHARD MEEK
Bay High coach Debbie Triplett has spent much of the year wondering when the two-time defending Division 7-4AAA Lady Tigers would shake off a shooting funk that settled in during the Christmas break.

On Friday night, Triplett was wondering no longer. The Lady Tigers put together their best performance of the year at the most opportune of times in a 78-46 rout of Hancock in the Division 7-4AAA championship game at St. Stanislaus.

Bay High, 28-3, will play at home on Monday night against the loser of the McComb-South Pike matchup. A victory earns the Lady Tigers the right to host the South State regional tournament next weekend.

Hancock, 24-7, travels to Meridian on Monday night.

"This is the way we should have been playing all year," said Triplett, said after Bay High secured its third straight division championship.

"I challenged the kids tonight, and they wanted it," she added. "This is their third time (in the championship game) and they had the experience."

Experience and excellent outside shooting. The Lady Tigers made 16 of their last 20 shots, including 13 of 17 in the fourth quarter. After taking a 32-21 lead into the intermission, Bay High shot 64 percent over the final two quarters, making 18 of 28 attempts.

"We knew we had to step up tonight and make the plays," said Christina Bradley, who scored 18 points, eight in the final period for the Lady Tigers.

Surprisingly, Bay High took control of the game with leading scorer Chanda Haley saddled with foul trouble and watching from the bench. Haley, named the division's MVP, picked up her fourth foul at the 6:33 mark of the third quarter and the Lady Tigers leading 34-24. With Haley on the bench, the

Lady Tigers went on a 17-6 run and by the time she returned with 5:56 left in the game, Bay High had a commanding 51-30 lead.

"I knew I had to step up and score," Bradley said. "The bench also helped a lot, as they always do."

Haley finished with 20 points, eight in the final period. Shanna Ambrose finished with 11 points, nine in the final period.

"I was not surprised (by the run with her on the bench)," Haley said. "Everyone was on tonight."

Hancock was never able to find its offensive groove. The Lady Hawks shot only 27 percent for the game, and made only six of 27 attempts in the second half.

"We didn't come out and play well," Hancock coach Sandy Albright, named the division Coach of the Year, said. "Bay

High came to play and knew what it would take offensively and defensively. In these big games, traditionally good teams know what to expect."

Mindy Ladner scored 17 points and division Offensive MVP Jessica Pucheu 14 for the Hawks. Pucheu was held to only four field goals, including a long-range three pointer as the first half ended.

"(Triplett) told us we had to shut down (Pucheu and Ladner)," Bradley said. "We knew we had to play good defense."

The game was also the division finale for Haley, Gaygnie and Bradley, and Shannon Baker, the cornerstone of the Lady Tigers recent success. They have been at the core of Triplett's rebuilding program that began with an ominous 0-28 start.

"Those girls are my heart," Triplett said. "They took us from the bottom to the top."

To what heights still has to be determined, beginning with a date on Monday.

Bender, Stubbs lead Maroon Tide

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
The Division 7 Class 4-A basketball tournament came to an end Friday as Picayune handed Petal a 79-64 loss at St. Stanislaus and claimed the boys' championship. Both teams will advance to the South State playoffs Monday.

Picayune will host the loser of the Brookhaven/Crystal Springs games. Petal will play the Brookhaven/Crystal Springs winner.

The Maroon Tide rode the backs of Sylvester Stubbs and Jonathan Bender to victory. Stubbs scored 27 points and Bender 23 points.

Picayune opened a 13-3 lead at the 3:57 mark of the first period when Stubbs was fouled driving to the basket. He sank the free shot.

The Panthers, led by Ryan Thompson and Chris Marshall, pulled to within two, 15-13, with three seconds left in the first period. Petal held 61.1. Picayune's Bender scored in the opening period. The first period ended 17-13 in favor of Picayune.

Bender came back and scored 10 points for the Maroon Tide in the second period. Picayune

went on a 7-2 run to open the period behind the shooting of Stubbs, who had five points during the run.

The Panthers stayed within single digits until the 2:02 mark of the first half when Picayune went on a 10-2 run, highlighted by a Stubbs to Bender alley-oop dunk with no time left on the clock. The half ended with Picayune holding a 42-26 lead.

The Maroon Tide pushed their lead to 20 points on three occasions during the third period. The period ended with a 60-40 Picayune lead.

Picayune trailed the remainder of the game as they pushed their lead to 22 points at the 5:00 mark on a 15-foot jumper by Chris Brown to make the score 68-48.

Petal would show signs of battling back behind Marshall, who nailed three three-pointers down the stretch. Charlie Williams ended the game for Petal with a three-point play to make the final score 79-64.

Marshall led Petal with 21 points and five three-pointers.

Coach Steve Simmons of Petal stated, "Picayune has a really great team. (Stubbs) is a very solid player and is the part that makes their machine go. I was very proud of my team tonight."

"We worked on defending the lob (to Bender) in practice and it worked for us but he is a tremendous player for Picayune. We are at such a height disadvantage with them though."

Coach Dean Shaw of Picayune commented, "Petal's quickness and three-point shooting really worried us. We were fortunate to get up a few points and be able to hold off the Panthers."

"The job to Jonathan wasn't there tonight so we pulled him out and he shot the ball well from the outside. Sylvester played his usual consistent game for us. He is one of the best point guards to come through."

Picayune. Stubbs is the part that makes us click."

In Thursday's semifinal action, the top-seeded Bay High Girls defeated the Columbia Lady Wildcats 65-33. Christina Bradley led the Lady Tigers and all scorers with 23 points. Jill Haney paced Columbia with 11 points.

The Picayune boys downed the Bay High Tigers 76-59. Bender paced the Maroon Tide with 21 points while Ricky Bennett added 14 points. Brown chipped in 10 points for the win.

Herman Dunklin led the Tigers with a game-high 25 points, including seven three-pointers. Dunklin nailed 13 three-point shots in two tournament games. Marc Price added 15 points in the Tiger loss.

The third game on Thursday night matched the Hancock Lady Hawks with the Oak Grove Lady Warriors. Hancock defeated Oak Grove 75-41.

Jessica Pucheu led Hancock with a game high 23 points followed by Mindy Ladner with 20 points.

Sarah Posey led the Lady Warriors with 13 points.

In the final game of the night, the Petal boys defeated the Oak Grove Warriors 69-50.

The Warriors led after three periods 45-40 but managed only five points in the final period while the Panthers tallied 19 points to make the final score. Charlie Williams and Mario Kennedy each added 16 points for the Panthers while Ryan Thompson tallied 12 points.

Cliff Collins and Eric Lamb each added 12 points for Oak Grove.

The All-Division players for the boys are Ricky Bennett of Picayune, Price and Jason Robinson of Bay High, Shane Hogan and Marshall of Petal, Donnie Carter and Jimmy Ladner of Hancock, Walker Thrash of Oak Grove, Junior Davis and Derek Bradley of St. Stanislaus, Antoine Brown of Colum-

bia, and Anthony Lossett of Pearl River Central.

The Outstanding Defensive Player was Larry Morrow from Oak Grove.

The Outstanding Offensive Player was Stubbs.

The Most Valuable Player was Bender and Shaw was Coach of the Year.

The All-Division players for the girls were Christy Ladner and Mindy Ladner of Hancock, Shenna Ambrose and Alicia Gaygnie of Bay High, Laura Walters and Amber Zure of Petal, Amanda Adams and Cathy Little of Picayune, Jill Haney of Columbia, Sarah Posey of Oak Grove, and Jennifer Mitchell of Pearl River Central.

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The Outstanding Offensive Player was Pucheu.

The Most Valuable Player was Haley.

The Coach of the Year was Sandy Albright of Hancock.

Wildcats repeat

Pearl River Community College's Wildcats won their second straight South Division men's basketball title in Poplarville Thursday, dominating the Southwest Bears 99-72 in championship tournament action in M.R. White Coliseum.

PRCC's Lady Wildcats, on the other hand, fell to Copiah-Lincoln's Lady Wolves 64-57 in the women's title match. All four teams in Thursday's championship games will be at Northwest Community College in Senatobia Monday and Tuesday for the 1998 men's and women's state tournament.

The Northwest Kangars defeated Northeast 75-60 for the North Division men's title, while Northeast's women trounced Northwest for the women's championship.

PRCC's men's basketball tournament with a 23-4 overall mark, while the women were 17-3. Southwest's Bears are 21-7 following the division tourney, while Co-Lin's women are 21-5.

Wildcats coach Richard Mathis said things went a lot better than he envisioned.

"We came out ready to play," Mathis said. "It was very physical. Offense, Southwest pushed the game in the second and I couldn't get things on their pressure. We were on, but we didn't want to take it."

Mathis said 58-33 at the intermission and took the second half 41-38.

Mathis' assistant, headman guard Jason Brown, said all

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BUSINESS NEWS

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Stennis Economic impact strong in immediate area



ADM Barbor

Rear Admiral Kenneth E. Barbor, commander, Naval Meteorological and Oceanography Command, Stennis Space Center, tells of the Navy's plans of expansions at the local facility during 1998, such as an increase in Navy Seals. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Editor's note: The following is an Executive Summary presented by Dr. Charles Campbell, professor of economics, Mississippi State University, at a Partnership for Stennis news conference about the Space Center's economic impact for 1997 held on Thursday. Direct employment at SSC during 1997 was 3,747 employees. This is employment which would not have existed in the four-county area in the absence of SSC.

Personal income from payrolls at SSC was estimated to be \$180.03 million in 1997. This income contribution is not merely a redistribution of economic activity within the four-county area but is truly a new source of money and therefore a new contribution to economic growth of the area.

Income in the four-county area not only grew because of direct employment of workers but also because of purchases

made by SSC in the four-county area. Such purchases are estimated to have resulted in an additional \$81.3 million of personal income in 1997.

Indirect employment due to the spending of SSC employees is estimated to have been 6,997 employees in the four-county area during 1997. This is the result of the multiplier effect which results when new income is spent and re-spent in the local economy.

Personal income indirectly attributable to spending by SSC employees is estimated to have grown by more than \$196.23 million during 1997, due to the multiplier effect in the local area.

Local purchases by SSC are also estimated to have resulted in an additional 3,445 jobs (beyond those directly due to local purchases) because of the multiplier effect.

The indirect effect of local purchases by SSC on personal income is estimated to have been an additional \$88.62 million in 1997.

Retail sales in the local area are estimated to have been \$295 million more than they would have been in the absence of the SSC.

The locally sourced tax revenues in the four-county area are estimated to have been at least \$43.64 million more than they would have been without the spending of the SSC and its employees.

Employees at the SSC tend to be highly skilled and educated and therefore serve as an incentive to other firms to locate in the area and contribute in a variety of ways to the local educational and cultural base.

The overall economic impact on the local four-county area is estimated to be 17,949 employees and \$546.18 million in personal income.

These impacts are composed of the numbers of employees and amount of income which would be absent from the local area except for the existence of the SSC.

Summary of Economic Impacts of Stennis Space Center in 1997

Direct employment at the SSC	3,747
Direct employment due to purchases	3,169
Indirect employment due to SSC employees	6,997
Indirect employment due to purchases	3,445
Total employment impact	17,349
Direct personal income at SSC	\$180,030,000
Direct personal income from purchases	\$1,800,000
Indirect personal income from employee spending	\$96,230,000
Indirect personal income from purchases	\$8,620,000
Total personal income impact	\$446,180,000
Local retail spending traceable to SSC impacts	\$95,000,000
Local tax revenue due to SSC impacts	\$43,640,000

Quiet to head O'head business group

The District Business and Professional Association Board of Directors met Jan. 15 and elected officers: Paul Guichet, Hancock County, president; Thomas H. Johnson, Whitney Bank, vice president; John Hall, Shing Shong, American secretary; and Patrick Wild, The Peoples Bank, treasurer.

The 12 members of the Board of Directors are: Tony East, District Attorney and Sewer, Jackson County; Jerry Curtin, Jackson County; Richard L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County; John L. Smith, Jackson County.



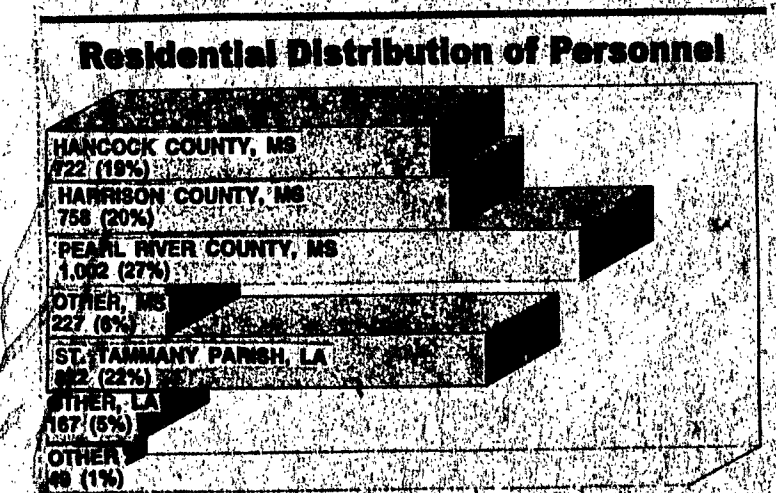
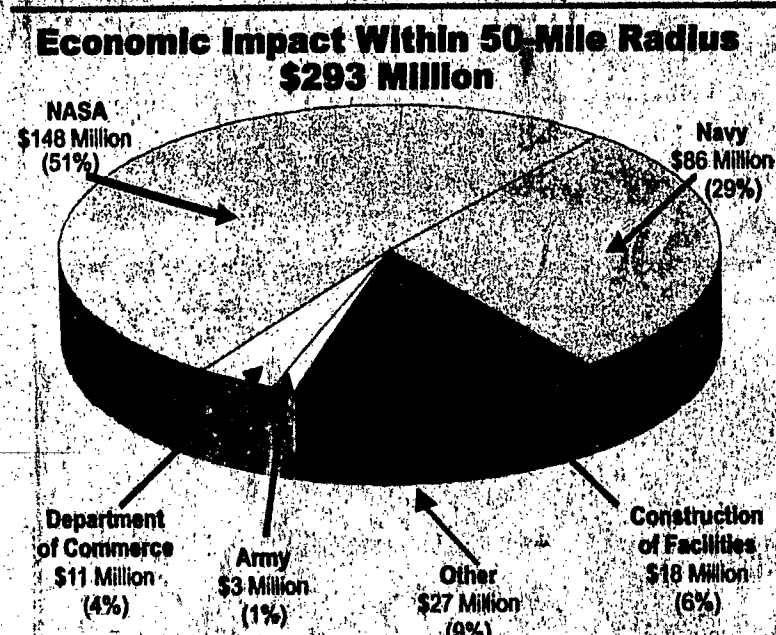
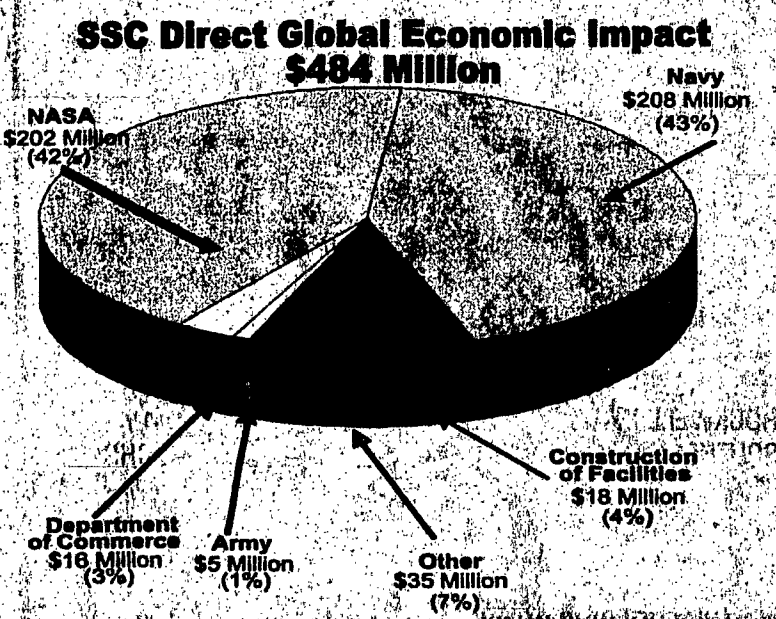
Future expansions

Roy S. Estes, left, director, Stennis Space Center, explains future expansions at the Hancock County facility on Tuesday during a 1997 Economic Impact report. Those in photo are, from left, Estes, John Rath, NASA assistant to the director, Stennis Space Center; Dr. Charles Campbell, professor of economics, Mississippi State University; Cindy Vernon, Hancock County Chamber of Commerce executive director; and Jon Ritten, Hancock chamber president. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Whitney increases quarterly dividend

The Board of Directors of Whitney Holding Corporation voted to declare a quarterly cash dividend of \$.30 per share of common stock, payable April 1, 1998 to shareholders of record as of March 16, 1998. This represents a 7.1 percent increase over the previous quarter's dividend and over the cash dividend declared in the first quarter of last year.

Whitney Holding Corporation, whose stock is traded on the NASDAQ exchange (WTNY), is the holding company for wholly owned banking subsidiary Whitney National Bank with banking locations in the four-state Gulf Coast region including southern Louisiana, the coastal region of Mississippi, Mobile, Montgomery and the Alabama Gulf Coast region; and the Pensacola area of Florida. The Whitney, which has been in continuous operation since 1883, currently has assets of approximately \$4.3 billion.



Economist Viewpoint*

- If Stennis Space Center had not been in operation in 1997, considering both direct and indirect effects, a conservative estimate of reduction in employment for the local area would be 17,349.
- A similar conservative estimate indicates that personal income would have been reduced by more than \$546 million, and retail sales would have been reduced by \$295 million.
- It is estimated that SSC has a tax revenue impact on local government revenues of \$44 million.

*Study conducted by Dr. Charles A. Campbell, Assistant Professor of Economics, Mississippi State University, January 1998.

SSC Employee Skills

Scientific/Engineering	43%
Business/Professional	13%
Technicians/Craft	20%
Production	11%
Clerical	5%
Other	5%
TOTAL	100%

Civil Service/Military Education

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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward D. Jones Co.

Consult a professional on 401(k) withdrawals

Some things can't be repeated too often—for example, don't let the IRS take a double dip from your 401(k) plan distributions.

How you decide to receive your 401(k) money has significant tax consequences. If your distributions are too early, too late or too small, you may owe penalty taxes on top of ordinary income taxes. Here are

some suggestions to help you avoid penalties.

Too Early: Generally, before age 59-1/2, distributions from your 401(k) are subject to a 10 percent penalty tax in addition to regular income taxes. This is the "early withdrawal penalty."

There are exceptions to this rule, however. For example, if you're 55 or older in the year you retire, you can begin tak-

ing distributions without paying a penalty. If you leave your job, you may begin receiving "substantially equal period payments," regardless of your age, and you will not owe the 10 percent penalty. Once you start, however, you must continue receiving the payments until age 59-1/2, or for five years, whichever is longer.

Too Late or Too Little: When you reach age 70-1/2, you must begin receiving a minimum amount from your retirement accounts each year, based on your life expectancy. If you withdraw less than this amount, the IRS will impose a 50 percent penalty on the difference between the required minimum and the actual amount you receive. This is the "minimum distribution penalty."

You do have choices for calculating life expectancy, and this can make a big difference

in your required minimum distribution. Check with your financial professional before you decide. After you begin distributions, it's too late to change them.

If you're still employed after age 70-1/2 and do not own more than 5 percent of the organization you work for, you are not required to take distributions from your 401(k) account or other company plans. Money in an IRA, on the other hand, is subject to the minimum distribution policy.

Obviously, federal regulations on withdrawal of your retirement funds are complicated. But remember, tax regulations are always subject to change. So, here's another thing that can't be repeated too often: Consult your tax adviser or financial professional before you begin making withdrawals from your 401(k) or other retirement plan.

Diamondhead group to meet Friday

Jeff Hall, purchasing manager of the Pearl River site of Wellman, Inc. will be the guest speaker at the February general meeting of the Diamondhead Business & Professional

Lodging tax revenues up 62 percent

The November lodging tax receipts from Hancock County hotels showed a 62 percent increase over the same month a year ago, according to Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau director Robert Hall.

The October check, which the bureau receives from the state, showed an increase of 35 percent.

A two percent lodging (hotel) tax was approved for the county in October of 1996 to help fund the tourism bureau.

Association (DB&PA) at 8 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27 at Park Ten Lanes in Diamondhead.

Hall accepted a position with Fiber Industries (Hoechst/Celanese) after his graduation from the University of South Carolina in 1976.

In 1992, Fiber Industries was purchased by Wellman, and Hall was promoted to senior purchasing agent. In August 1997, he was promoted to purchasing manager of the Pearl River site and has recently moved to Diamondhead from Darlington, S.C. with his wife, Lisa, and their three sons.

DDA business after Hours will be held Feb. 26 at the Diamondhead Branch of Whitney Bank at 4402 Kalani Drive, 5-7 p.m.

Whitney invites you to meet the Diamondhead branch manager, Ames Kergosien, and Thelma McLendon, mortgage loan originator.

Hancock Holding Company declares quarterly dividend

The Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ/NMS:HBHC) board of directors has declared the first quarter 1998 cash dividend of \$0.25 per share.

The dividend is payable March 16, 1998, to shareholders of record as of March 5, 1998. Hancock has paid a regular cash dividend since 1987. Hancock Holding Company is headquartered in Gulfport, is the parent company of Hancock Bank in Gulfport and Hancock Bank of Louisiana in Baton Rouge.

Through its banks in Mississippi and Louisiana, the company operated approximately

80 banking offices and over 100 automated teller machines. Bank-related affiliates include Hancock Mortgage Corporation, Harrison Finance Company and Hancock Investment Services Inc.

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HALTER MARINE/HLX	20 1/8	-1 1/8
HANCOCK HOLDING CO/HBHC	60 1/8	-1 1/8
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REGIONS FINANCIAL/RGBR	39 1/8	+1 1/8
ROCKWELL INTL CORP/ROK	60	+1 1/8
SOUTHERN COMPANY/SO	24 1/8	UNCHG
TENNECO INC/TEN	42 1/8	+1 1/8
UNION PLANTERS/UPC	63 1/8	+1/8
WAL MART STORES/WMT	45 1/8	+1 1/8
WELLMAN INC/WLM	20 1/8	+1 1/8
WHITNEY HOLDING/WTNY	54 1/8	-1/8

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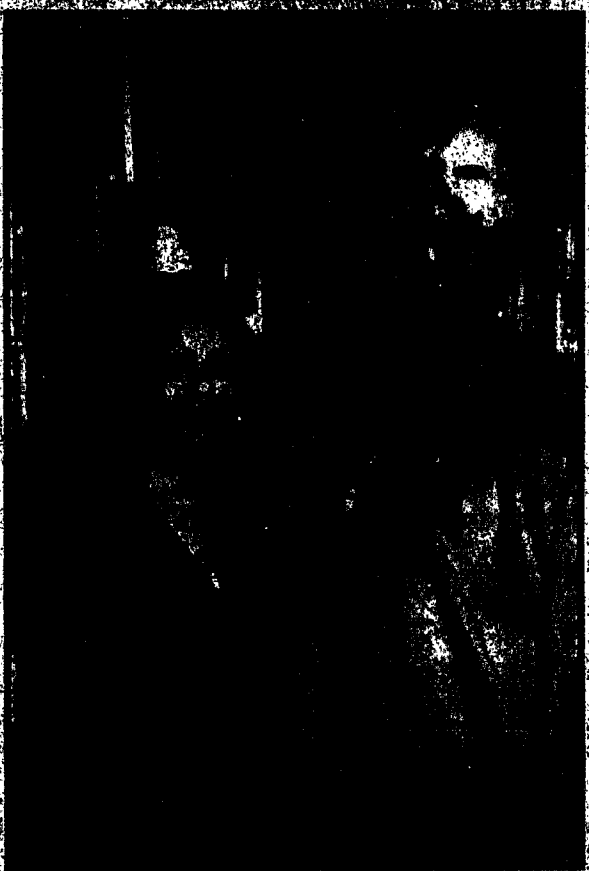


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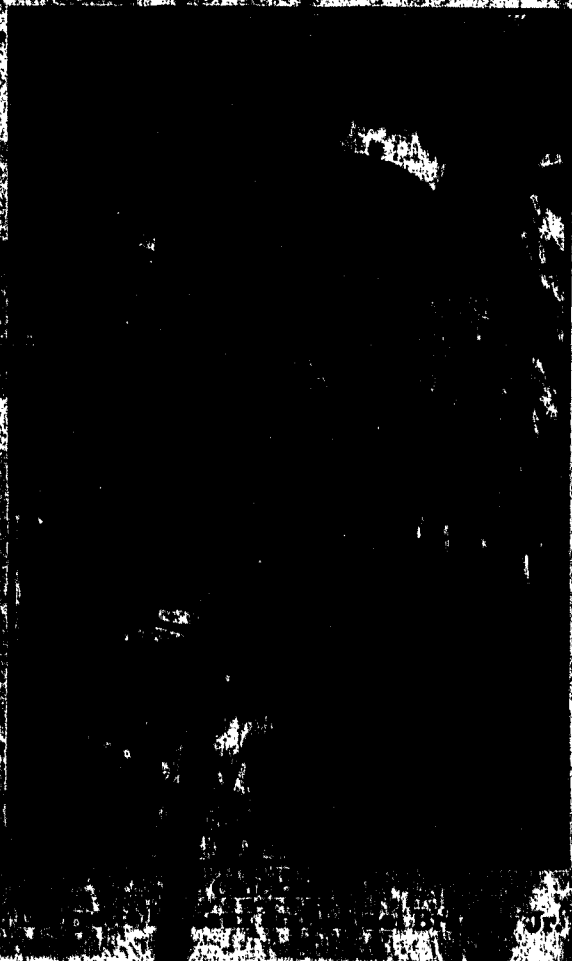
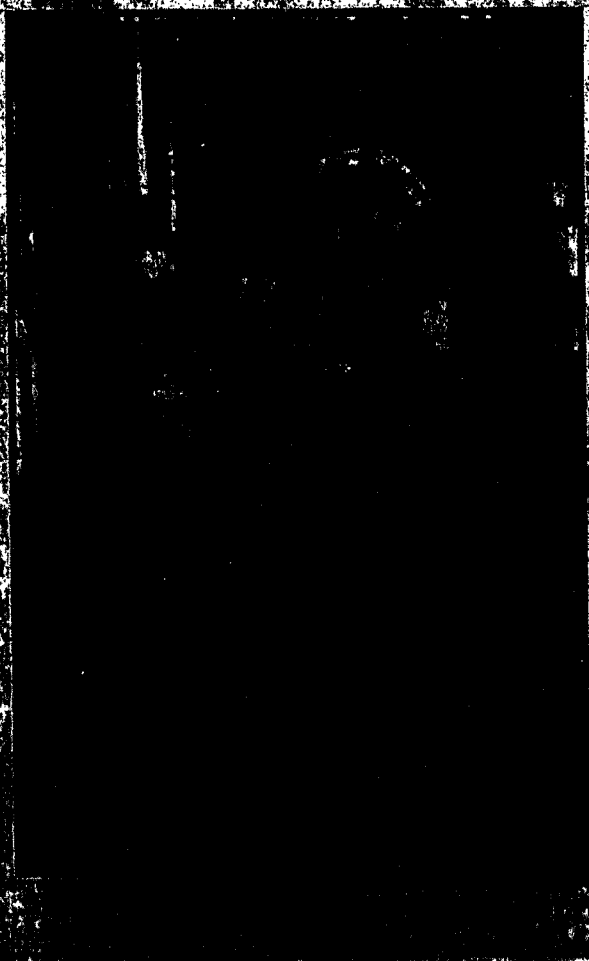
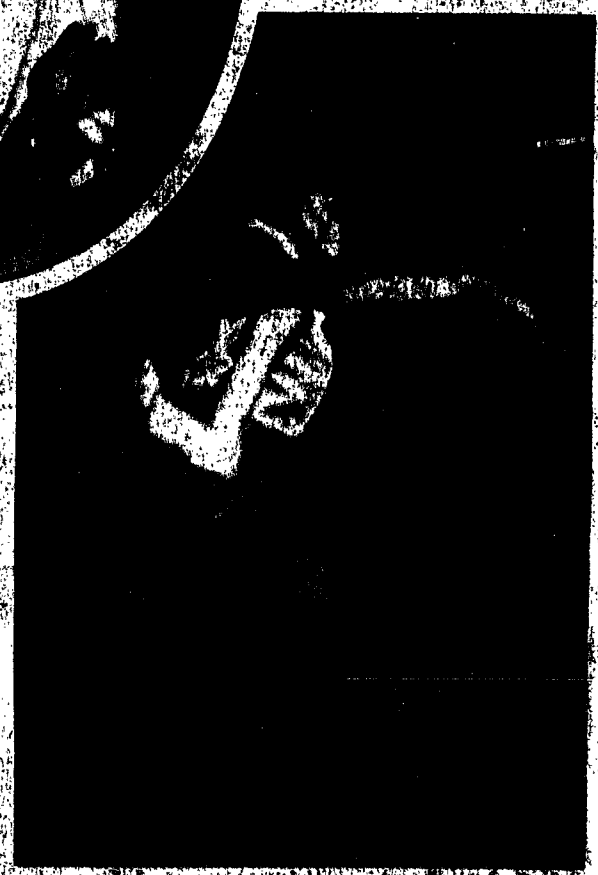
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(Left) Spy Boy
Tom Farva
(Below) Medicine Man
Ronald Collins



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Hancock Women's Club

Myrtle Blanchard and Theone Billy were introduced and welcomed as new members. Letters of thanks were read acknowledging recent donations received by the Library Foundation of Hancock County and Waveland Animal Shelter.

A February birthday corsage was presented to Clytie Mayfield.

There will be no Game Day on Wednesday, Feb. 25.

The president announced names of nominees for election of officers to serve for the 1998 term.

Officers were elected as follows: Billie Jean Niver, president; Lois Cripple, vice president; Mary Gilmore, secretary and Amelia Killen, treasurer.

Committee chairpersons were appointed. They are Jean Longo, telephone; Marjorie Thomson, ways and means; Mamie O'Quinn, hospitality; Madonna Boos, sunshine; and Shirley Clemons, publicity.

Officers will be installed at the March meeting at Holiday Inn-Waveland.

Gloria Burke was recipient of the complimentary lunch ticket.

Evelyn Johnson, guest speaker, presented an interesting and informative history of the Hancock County Food Pantry and its continuing work. Johnson said the food pantry was organized in 1988 by local churches with a volunteer staff of six, but now have a work force of 60 volunteers.

Since its inception, 12,079 families have been assisted. Needs are increasing because of the influx of people to this area. The monthly average of those requesting help has now risen to more than 400 families.

The meeting was adjourned followed by a prayer of thanks by Marjorie Thomson preceding lunch.

Take Off
Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 307

TOPS MS Chapter 307 Waveland met Wednesday, Feb. 11 at the Waveland Public Library. Paula was the week's best loser. There were 11 members present, who wish Ruth, the leader, a speedy recovery.

On Wednesday, Feb. 18, nine members were present. Charlene was the best loser with 3 1/2 pounds. Pat and Marie were also best losers this week. Paula won the Incentive Award. Ann presided over the meeting. Ruth is now at home recuperating.

Chapter members went to ARD Feb. 12 in Ocean Springs. Deirdre won the trophy for losing the most weight for the quarter, 28 1/2 pounds. The chapter won the trophy for losing the most weight out of all area chapters with a loss of 66 1/2 pounds.

The TOPS web address is <http://www.tops.org>

The chapter promotes enthusiasm and understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:15-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and/or maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the chapter.

Call Ruth at 466-9880 for information.

Gulf Coast Opera Salon

On Feb. 26, the Gulf Coast Opera Salon will meet at 10 a.m. at the home of Myra Levi in Ocean Springs.

A program will be presented by Judith D'Angelo, singer, accompanied by Jim Ballard, pianist-composer.

Mississippi Homemaker
Volunteers

Learning Ladies MHV met Jan. 22 to make plans and set goals for the coming year with Dolores Bullitt, council president, presiding.

Plans include a bake sale during the St. Patrick's Day parade, "A Day in Teche Country" tour, March 23 and a plant and bake sale during the annual Cultural Arts Fair, April 23.

Goals include increasing membership and continuing projects such as Children's Hospital in Jackson, Salvation Army's Christmas project for children, Hope Haven, Save Our Children, Food Pantry, Coastal Cleanup and other community projects.

Darlene Underwood, home economist, is conducting classes every Friday at 9 a.m. at the Human Resources Building on Longfellow Drive.

The WOW (Weight Off Wisely) is open to the public. Dress comfortably and bring a mat.

March 5 is the deadline for sending your check if your plan to go with the group to Teche Country. Cost is \$60 and includes transportation, admissions, buffet lunch, snacks on bus and bingo games and driver's gratuity.

For information, call Gale Brown at 466-3828. Make checks payable to Inez Olivier, 816 Villere, Waveland MS 39576.

Next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. at the home economist's office on Longfellow Dr. at McLaurin.

Carey theatre students
receive design awards

William Carey College theatre students, competing against students at all educational levels, freshman through third year graduate, have won five of 12 design awards given at the Region IV Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (ACTF) held at Clemson University in South Carolina.

Three of the students, Justin Bunton, James Mitchell and Jonathan Watts, were recommended for regional competition by adjudicators at the Mississippi festival.

The students designed "The Traveling Lady," Carey's production which was one of six selected for presentation at the regional festival.

Bunton, who is a senior from Loranger, La., won first place in the Barbiton Costume Design Competition.

Mitchell, who is a senior from Hattiesburg, won second place in the Barbiton Competition in Scenic Design; and Watts, a sophomore from McComb, won second place in the Barbiton Competition in Costume Design.



January Student of the Month

Bay High senior Rachel Spear receives the Hancock County Exchange Club's Student of the Month Award for January from Billy Stechmann. She is the daughter of Connie Spear of Waveland.

American Legion
Junior Auxiliary 139

The American Legion Junior Auxiliary had its monthly meeting Feb. 16.

Past activities were reviewed, and plans were made for March activities.

Those who missed the meeting and would like a calendar for March activities, call Karen at 466-2582.

The next meeting will be March 17 at 7 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings.

Bay St. Louis Police
sponsor 55-Alive course

Lt. Don Oso, community relations officer of the Bay St. Louis Police Department, announced the department will sponsor an AARP 55-Alive course March 19 and 20 at the Coast Electric meeting room, Main Street, Bay St. Louis.

55-Alive is an eight-hour course held over two days. It teaches mature drivers how to compensate for normal aging changes in vision, hearing and reaction time.

Mississippi law requires all auto insurance carriers to offer percentage discounts on premiums to qualified graduates aged 55 and older on approved courses such as 55-Alive.

Policy holders should contact their carrier for information about the discount.

Hours for the class are 1-5 p.m. March 19 and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. March 20. Cost is \$8.

For information or to register, call Jackie Magee at 452-2181.

Bay-Waveland
Garden Club
winners

The Bay-Waveland Garden Club met Jan. 8 at the Garden Center on Leofard Avenue. Some 18 members and three guests attended.

Several committee reports were presented by club members. Garden of the Month awards for January were:

Waveland: Ray and Mary Fisher, 828 Hillcrest.
Ocean Springs: Hank and Emma Taylor, Hancock County Library, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

Bay St. Louis: Mr. and Mrs. John Ginn, 316 Glen Avenue.

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DEBBIE VERONICA GOODFELLOW

Dr. and Mrs. Keith Goodfellow of Diamondhead announce the birth of their fourth child, Debbie Veronica, February 12, 1998 at 3 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Mrs. Goodfellow is the former Darla Cibulski. Maternal grandparents are Earline Cibulski of Ocean Springs and the late Floyd Cibulski. Paternal grandparents are Paul and Maria Goodfellow of River Ridge, La. Great-grandmother is Louise F. Cibulski. Debbie is welcomed by sisters Samantha and Hillary and Brother Thor.

ANADAYA GRACE KING

Mr. and Mrs. John David King of Kilm announce the birth of their first child, Anadaya Grace, February 11, 1998 at 9:26 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 10 pounds, 1 ounce. Mrs. King is the former Anna Harmon. Maternal grandparents are Patricia George of Bay St. Louis and the late Joseph Sepulvado. Paternal grandparents are Mary Kemp of Independence, La. and the late Frank Myers. Great-grandparents include Jerry and Annie Krummel of New Orleans.

RYAN SEBASTIAN WILLETT

Mr. and Mrs. Evan Willett of Long Beach announce the birth of their second child, Ryan Sebastian, February 13, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces. Mrs. Willett is the former Barbie Horton. Maternal grandparents are Bill and Joyce Horton of Columbia, Miss. Paternal grandparents are Mike and Takeko Willett of Waveland. Great-grandparents include Mrs. John E. Horton of Clarksdale, Miss. and Mrs. Genevieve Willett of Urbanna, Va. Ryan is welcomed by his sister, Victoria Lee, 2 1/2.

TREVOR WADE LADNER

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ladner of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Trevor Wade, February 10, 1998 at 12:12 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Mrs. Ladner is the former Mary Graham. Maternal grandparents are C. W. and Sharon Graham of Bay St. Louis. Paternal grandparents are Lillian Ladner and H. J. Ladner of Pass Christian. Great-grandparents include Hollis and Estelle Ladner, Jim L. Morgan, Gloria Morgan and Myrtle Eaton.

AMBER DENEE LOPEZ

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lopez of Carriere announce the birth of their fourth child, Amber Dene, February 10, 1998 at 3:42 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 9 pounds, 3 ounces. Mrs. Lopez is the former Miranda McNeese. Maternal grandmother is Janice McNeese of Carriere. Paternal grandparents are John Lopez and Mona Lopez of Sautter, Miss. Great-grandparents include Carl and Louise Gipson, Grandma Zella, Grandma Maxine and Pawpaw Olan. Amber Dene is welcomed by brothers Dustin Carl, Devon Michael and Damon William.

JOHN HART ABRAHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Judson (Jay) Abraham of Waveland announce the birth of their fourth child, John Hart, February 5, 1998 at 3:11 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces. Mrs. Abraham is the former Leah Kathryn King. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. King of Winston-Salem, N.C. Paternal grandmother is Mrs. Lenore Abraham of Uniontown, Pa. Great-grandparents include Mrs. Evelyn King of Winston-Salem and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Morgan of Dunn, N.C. John is welcomed by brothers Judson and Jim, and sister Ellie.

DAVID LEE (TREY) BUCKERIDGE III

David Buckeridge and Tara Brady of Waveland announce the birth of a son, David Lee III, February 12, 1998 at 8:09 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Kathy Brady of Waveland and Roger Brady of Las Vegas, Nev. Paternal grandparents are Kim Baudin and Fred Baudin of Bay St. Louis and the late David Buckeridge Sr. Great-grandparents include Tom and Tricia Casto and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Pisarch and Virgie Ridgeway. Trey is welcomed by his sister, Faith.

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CONNOR JAMES SUTHERLIN

Mr. and Mrs. James Sutherlin of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Connor James, February 12, 1998 at 2:15 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces. Mrs. Willett is the former Miss Ramond. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Carolyn Ramond and Mr. Eugene Ramond of Waveland. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Sandy Sutherlin and Mr. Jim Sutherlin. Great-grandparents include Lloyd and Irene Bourgeois, Mrs. William Sutherlin and Great-great-grandmother Lindsey. Connor is welcomed by his brother, Jordan.

DESTINY LOUISE GIPSON

Mr. and Mrs. David T. Gipson of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a daughter, Destiny Louise, February 2, 1998 at 11:32 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces. Mrs. Gipson is the former Veronica Pummell. Maternal grandparents are James and Linda Pummell of West Palm Beach, Fla. Paternal grandparents are the late Carl and Mary Gipson. Great-grandparents include the late James and Mary Pummell, Ruth Szulski and the late Henry Szulski.

EUGENIE CAMILLE FONTAINE

Dr. and Mrs. David Fontaine of Waveland announce the birth of their third child, Eugenie Camille, January 27, 1998 at 11:26 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces. Mrs. Fontaine is the former Sheila Broach. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Broach of Carlsbad, N.M. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fontaine of Groton, La. Great-grandmother is Mrs. A. J. Lewis of Montgomery, La. Camille is welcomed by sisters Maria and Anne-Elise.

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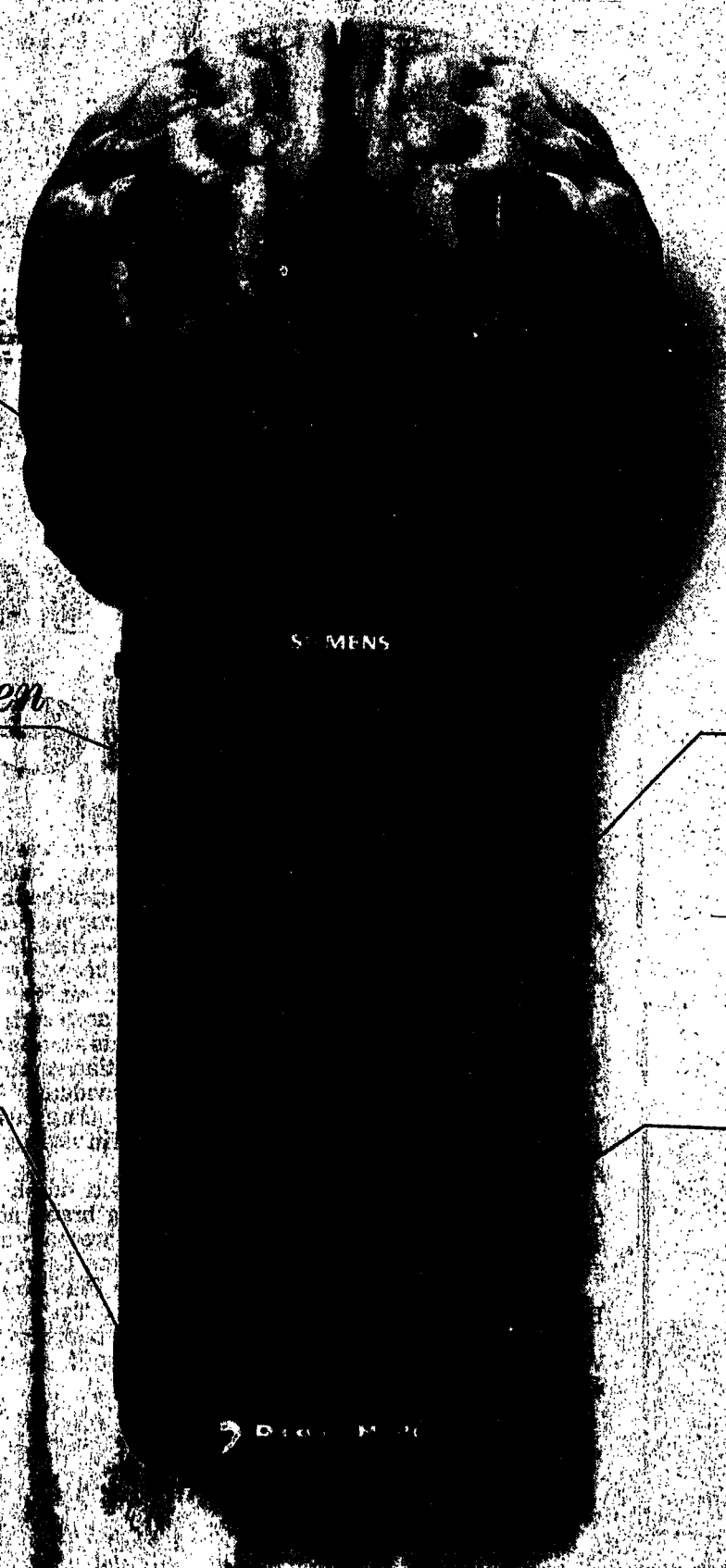
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Gallery presents 'Two Women and a Lady'

"Two Women and a Lady," an art exhibition featuring original works created by three graduating seniors, will begin Feb. 26 at the Sarah Gillespie Gallery of William Carey College on the Coast.

The exhibit will feature the works of Barbara Gwin, Nancy Jackson and Heather Summers, all of whom will be receiving their bachelor of fine arts degrees in May.

The artists involved are always looking for ways to challenge conventional techniques and effects with a new point of view.

Gwin's background in the graphic arts and technical illustration has helped to pave the way to some of her most creative work to date.

"Creating art has always

been inside me and is something that I feel compelled to do," says a fourth of whimsy or humor.

Jackson's varied, national and international background, due to a military family, has put her on a course to search for knowledge and creativity.

"So much of my art reflects a view of the world from many differing aspects. I like all the aspects of art, and I often get lost in the little details of making the subject matter."

Summers' background is similar to the other exhibitors with both technical and military family backgrounds. Her strength lies in the two-dimensional field and combines this with a masterful handling of the computer.

Due to her skills, Summers has recently been awarded the opportunity to be published in a graphic design book, *Label and Package Design*. She has also worked as a graphic designer for a number of Coast companies such as *Coast Magazine*.

The exhibit will open Thursday, Feb. 26 with an opening reception from 7-9 p.m.

The public is invited to the reception to meet the artists and to view this collection of work free of charge.

The exhibit will run Feb. 26 through March 4, and may be viewed during regular gallery hours, 1-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday following the evening of the reception or by appointment.

The gallery is located in the Fairchild Administrative Building at William Carey College on the Coast.



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Craftsmen to explain 'how do they do that?'

After a feature writer of the New Yorker magazine attended a festival of professional crafts, he warned his readers, "Never ask a craftsman how he designs and makes his work... unless you really want to know!"

On this 25th anniversary of its founding, the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi announces its 1998 season of free crafts demonstrations for the public. Beginning Feb. 28 and continuing through Oct. 25, the juried members of the Guild will volunteer their weekends to show and tell just how they create their beads, boots and baskets, wooden turnings and toys, clay pots and quilts, weavings, metalwork and more.

The drop-in demonstrations are Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Chimneyville Crafts Gallery in the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum in Jackson and Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Mississippi Crafts Center on the Natchez Trace in Ridgeland.

Inaugurating the season at the Chimneyville Crafts Gallery Feb. 28 is contemporary potter T. Puterbaugh. Gift from Red Banks in north Mississippi. His glossy, wheel thrown large vases contrast with his earthy, color pocket sizes pinched pigs.

Following on March 7 is Ocean Springs jeweler Gayle Clark, who works elegantly in cast pewter, silver and vermeil.

On March 14, Cal Bruister of Tutwiler will create traditional and contemporary functional leather designs.

On March 21, Pearl's Dave Gardner will construct his unique, original custom cowboy boots.

March 28, Walter Catt of Clinton turns elegantly symmetrical solid or laminated patterned wooden vessels.

The complete schedule for both galleries will be available at both sites: The Chimneyville Crafts Gallery at (601) 856-7546 and the Mississippi Crafts Center at (601) 856-7546.

Library's story hour

"The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Children will make their own crafts and see a video. Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one hour. The Kiln Library hosts a story hour every other Thursday.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school-age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For story hour information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724; or Donna Hutchings at the Waveland Library Literacy Center, 467-9240.

BSLLT introduces cast of 'Relatively Speaking'

The Bay St. Louis Little Theater presents the cast of "Relatively Speaking," the first play of the 1998 season. Kneeling is Rebecca Prescott, a Coast native with a love of the outdoors, dancing, acting and singing. Although Prescott appeared in several Hancock High School productions, she makes her community theater debut here. Sitting left is Todd Riche, director of public relations at St. Stanislaus. Riche is a past member and president of the Nicholls State Alpha Psi Omega Theatrical Fraternity as well as a past member of the Vagabond Players Theatrical Company and the Nicholls Players Theatrical Organization in Thibodaux, La. Jody Cochran, seated right, manages the Paper Factory store in the Gulfport Outlet Mall and has appeared in numerous theater productions along the Gulf Coast. Standing is Jim Cochran, Jody's husband, who wishes he's started doing this years ago. Cochran is employed with Mississippi Power Company and has appeared in several Center Stage productions and assisted with set constructions there. "Relatively Speaking," a comedy in two acts by Alan Ayckbourn, is directed by Becky Rotundo and will be presented March 27, 28, 29 and April 3 and 4 at the playhouse on Boardman Avenue.

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Severe Weather Awareness Week

Gov. Kirk Fordice has proclaimed the week of Feb. 22-28 as Severe Weather Awareness Week in Mississippi.

Severe weather watches and warnings are ineffective if the public does not receive the message or is not knowledgeable of the safety procedures to follow. The purpose of Mississippi Severe Weather Awareness Week is to provide people with the knowledge necessary to protect their lives when severe weather threatens.

When severe weather develops, and warnings are issued, we must take immediate action

to protect ourselves.

For severe weather protection plans to be successful, it must include the following: knowledge of terminology such as watches and warnings, a thorough knowledge of safety rules to follow when severe weather strikes, a reliable method of receiving emergency information, the designation of an appropriate shelter, and drills to test the plan.

The National Weather Service will conduct a statewide tornado drill Wednesday, Feb. 25. During that morning there

will be a special test of the Mississippi NOAA Weather Radio alarm system.

The drill will give everyone in homes, schools, hospitals and businesses the opportunity to test their readiness in the event of an actual severe event. In many areas, emergency management officials will test local sirens when the practice warning is issued.

Should the weather be threatening, the drill will be postponed until the following day, or later, to avoid confusion.

What to do if . . .

A typical severe weather day

Determining the threat
How does one determine potential for severe weather for a particular day? The key ingredients for severe weather include an unstable airmass, a lifting mechanism like a front, and wind shear.

The National Weather Service in Jackson issues a Thunderstorm Outlook for the state every day at 10 a.m., more frequently as needed.

This product is transmitted to civil defense and emergency management agencies as well as the media, and is broadcast on NOAA Weather Radio usually between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

When conditions are favorable for severe weather, a severe thunderstorm or tornado watch is issued. A watch issuance is a clear sign that severe weather may occur in or near your area.

There are signs in the sky that one can look for to determine the potential for severe thunderstorms.

Before thunderstorms develop, look for the following: sun shine which leads to airmass instability (however, airmass instability can also come from cooling aloft, so don't assume no threat of severe weather if the sky is cloudy all day); and gusty surface winds or rapid movement of low level clouds which indicate strong winds aloft.

When thunderstorms begin to develop or approach your area, look for tall, crisp, clear "cauliflower" shaped clouds with a "boiling" appearance. Thunderstorm clouds that appear fuzzy indicate evaporation, a sign of a weak thunderstorm.

When a watch is issued . . .

Monitor local weather conditions for rapid changes. Monitor NOAA Weather Radio or local TV/radio stations for possible warning messages. Be prepared to act quickly when a warning is issued.

When a warning is issued, remain calm, but move quickly to safe shelter. Follow the instructions given by local media. Make sure you can access the latest information via a portable radio or NOAA Weather Radio.

If severe weather occurs in your area, remain in safe shelter until the storms have passed. Once it is safe to leave shelter, report any severe weather to the National Weather Service, or report it to your local law enforcement agency and ask them to relay your report to the National Weather Service.

Severe thunderstorms, wind and hail

Even without a tornado, a severe thunderstorm can be a damaging and life-threatening event. Deaths and injuries occasionally occur from strong thunderstorm winds.

Thunderstorms also accounted for millions of dollars in property damage. Also, large hail can be responsible for tremendous property damage.

Severe Thunderstorm Watches:
Conditions are favorable for severe thunderstorms to develop in or close to the watch area.

Be ready to seek shelter if a storm approaches or a warning is issued for your area.

Severe Thunderstorm Warnings:

A severe thunderstorm is indicated by radar, or reported by a reliable source. Move to a safe place immediately and stay away from windows.

Lightning Safety Rules:
If you're outside, get inside a building or under an all-metal (not convertible) vehicle.

Inside a home, don't use

telephones or other electronic equipment except emergencies.

Do not stand beneath a tall isolated tree or in an open area.

Avoid projecting above the surrounding landscape, as on a hilltop, in an open field, on the beach, or fishing from a boat.

Get away from open water; also avoid tractors and other farm equipment, bicycles, motorcycles and golf carts. Put down golf clubs.

Stay away from wire fences, clotheslines, metal pipes, rails or other metallic paths, which could carry lightning to you from some distance away.

In a forest, seek shelter in a low area under a thick growth of small trees. In open areas, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Be alert for flash floods.

If you're isolated on a level field and you feel your hair stand on end, this indicates that lightning is about to strike.

Drop to your knees and bend forward putting your hands on your knees. Do not lie flat on the ground.

Floods and flash floods

Floods and flash floods are a threat to Mississippi. Death from flooding are usually due to negligence or not knowing what to do.

Severe weather preparedness plans should include ways to safeguard ourselves from flood threats.

What is the difference between a flood and a flash flood?

Flash flooding is a result of heavy localized rainfall such as that from slow moving intense thunderstorms. Flash floods often result from small creeks and streams overflowing during heavy rainfall.

These floods often become raging torrents of water which rip through river beds, city streets, coastal sections and valleys or canyons, sweeping everything with them. Flash flooding usually occurs within 6 hours of a heavy rain event.

One the other hand, the more long-term "flood" is a natural and inevitable part of life along our country's rivers. These floods occur seasonally with general rains or tropical storms that later drain into river basins and fill them with an overabundance of water.

General flooding occurs in urban areas and areas with poor drainage after heavy rain.

Flash-Flood Safety Rules:
In hilly terrain, flash floods can strike with little or no ad-

vance warning. Distant rain may be channeled into gullies and ravines, turning a quiet stream into a rampaging torrent in minutes.

Never camp on low ground next to streams since a flash flood can catch you while you're asleep.

Do not cross a flowing stream on foot where water is above your ankles.

If you are driving, don't try to cross water-filled areas of unknown depths. If your vehicle stalls, abandon it immediately and go to higher ground.

Rapidly rising water may sweep the vehicle and its occupants away. Many deaths have been caused by attempts to move stalled vehicles.

Be especially cautious at night. It's harder to recognize water danger then.

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The "WORD" for the Week

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When kids get involved sexually, they are usually caught in a love-hate relationship. What they are doing is supposed to be love. But afterward it doesn't feel that way.

There is a right and wrong way of being used. That's where hate enters the picture. The relationship becomes a tug-of-war. What's the problem? Well, for one thing, love is improperly defined. In our society today love is defined by jumping into bed with someone of the opposite sex or with someone of the same sex. Actually, this is just the opposite of how love is defined in the Bible. "And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments" (2 John 6).

Amazing! Love is defined in terms of God's Ten Commandments. The Seventh Commandment says, "You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). God forbids all illicit sex outside of marriage. When we follow this commandment, we are acting in love. When we break this commandment, we fail in love.

World Day of Prayer

Diamondhead Community Church is planning to observe World Day of Prayer March 5 with a mini-seminar led by the Rev. Martha Blount.

Theme of this year's celebration will be "The Rhythm of our Lives" through a look at

Psalms.

Registration and coffee begin at 9 a.m., morning session 9:30 to 11:30, lunch break (bring a sack lunch), and an afternoon session from noon-2.

Call the church at 255-5556 for registration.

Pharmacy graduates to gather Feb. 27-Mar. 1 at Ole Miss

Alumni of the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy will gather for a weekend of fun and learning during Pharmacy Weekend 1998 set Feb. 27-March 1 on the Oxford campus.

This year's activities will be special as the University's Sesquicentennial is focusing on the School of Pharmacy through June. In addition, the school is celebrating its 90th anniversary.

Among the new activities planned for participants is an updated format for the general alumni breakfast.

Set for Sunday morning this year, the breakfast will feature Ole Miss Basketball Coach Rob Evans and student representatives.

Favorite events of the past will return as well, including the Sky Box Luncheon, the Galen Order Breakfast, a continuing professional education program, a double-decker bus tour and class reunion activities.

Kicking off the weekend schedule is a tour of campus hosted by Pharmacy Dean Kenneth B. Roberts. The tour includes the National Center for the Development of Natural Products, a nationally recognized research unit tasked with developing new pharmaceuticals from natural resources.

The tour also features such landmarks as Harned Observatory, the remodeled D. Williams Library, Old Chemistry (first home of the Pharmacy School) and Faser Hall.

An opening reception from 5-6:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Memory House (located next to

the University Museums) will give participants a chance to relax and visit with old and new friends.

The Galen Order Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Saturday in the James N. Butler Auditorium of the newly renovated Triplett Alumni Center.

The Sky Box Luncheon begins at 12:45 p.m. in the Vaught-Hemingway Stadium Press Box. Special guest activities include a presentation by Dr. John Juergens, associate professor of pharmacy administration, who is a noted wine expert and author, as well as a double-decker bus tour.

For those interested in earning continuing education credits, participant can enroll in the program "Mississippi Successes in Pharmaceutical Care" set for 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 in the Law School Court Room 1. The program offers three hours of CE credit.

Class reunion receptions begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Alumni Center, followed by class reunion photos at 6 and the Pharmacy Weekend banquet at 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn.

Registration will be \$105 per active alumnus and \$115 per inactive alumnus (these totals include the fee for the CE program). There is no registration fee for spouses or guests. Registrants may simply pay the additional activity fee for each activity their guests wish to attend.

For information about registration, contact Debby West at (601) 232-5944 or e-mail her at debby@olemiss.edu.

Ole Miss Pharmacy School to sponsor continuing education program Feb. 28

"Mississippi Successes in Pharmaceutical Care" is the title of a three-hour continuing education program sponsored by the University of Mississippi School of Pharmacy Feb. 28 on the Oxford campus.

Scheduled in conjunction with Pharmacy Weekend 1998, an annual pharmacy school alumni event, the program will focus on those Mississippi pharmacists who have experienced success in their practices after adapting to the pharmaceutical care model.

Pharmacists do not have to

participate in Pharmacy Weekend events to take advantage of the CE opportunity.

The goal of the program is to demonstrate the advantages of refocusing pharmacy practice to pharmaceutical care, a strategy in which pharmacists spend more time toward providing one-on-one patient care and monitoring drug therapies.

For information about the program and for registration, contact the Bureau of Pharmaceutical Services at (601) 232-7080 or fax (601) 232-5696.

USM awards funds for cultural tourism workshop

The University of Southern Mississippi Center for Community and Economic Development has received a \$4,900 grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission to conduct a regional workshop on cultural tourism this spring on behalf of the Southeast Mississippi Tourism Association.

The one-day workshop will bring together arts, tourism and community leaders from five key communities along the I-10 corridor, as well as from the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

A collection of cultural tourism consultants, including Glenn H. Hines, a business, government and the hospitality industry for more than 20 years and was the architect of the Arts and Tourism Partnership Plan for New Orleans.

She specializes in developing community partnerships and strategic plans for organizations and public agencies, and is currently director of development and marketing with the Museum of Southern Jewish Experience in Jackson.

SMTA is a joint regional effort of a broad range of agencies, organizations, government bodies and businesses serving 18 counties in Southeast Mississippi.

Established in 1988 by the Mississippi Legislature, MAC is funded by the State of Mississippi and the National Endowment for the Arts. For information, contact Megan Kook at the Center for Community and Economic Development at (601) 232-1313.

Love-hate relationships

The problem is compounded because we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). This means we function best when we know God's rules. When we break those rules, we suffer. We suffer guilt. And guilt often leads to depression. Then we may learn to hate the person with whom we have broken God's commandments. What's the real solution? Return to God through Jesus Christ!

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Strive To Be Patient



In today's world, it seems we are all so busy that we don't want to wait even a few minutes for anything. We become impatient on checkout lines, at automatic teller machines, in the doctor's office, and so on. Perhaps, we should just try to understand that there will always be situations in our daily lives that will require some waiting. During a waiting situation, possibly we should just try to relax and tell ourselves that our Lord may want us to pray silently for someone. Also, sometimes just talking to a person next to us makes waiting easier and helps to pass the time. A few silent prayers, a pleasant word spoken to someone, or just relaxing can make any waiting situation better. God wants us to demonstrate His love by being tolerant and patient with each other. Patience is a virtue and a gift from God.

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Bay Catholic Elementary News

By Doreen McCord, Staff Writer
Bay Catholic Elementary
Students were excited to meet
Neil Martin, a real Sea Wolves
hockey player from Canada.
During Student Appreciation
Day, students got a yummy
ice cream sundae party, free
dress and even Friday off. Dur-
ing Parent Appreciation Day
students made their parents
careers and their parents. And
during Teacher Appreciation
Day teachers had a beautiful
luncheon.
One of the teachers got a
Teacher of the Year award. Her
name is Mrs. Martha Merrigan.

Our principal, Mrs. Jordan, submitted an application listing Mr. Merrigan's long dedication as a strong math and science teacher. It is Mrs. Merrigan's really deserving that award, because she is a great teacher. Another deserving person is Laura Kerpman. Laura won the spelling bee for Bay Catholic and ended up in an oral spelling bee for the county. Laura felt nervous but confident, and she quoted, "The test was like a spelling test. The test called out a word and we wrote it down. It was really easy." The test included grades 4-8. Laura placed first in her grade and third overall. The winner is selected to go to State Spelling Bee. Congratulations to Laura for doing such a great job. We can also congratulate Jake Johnson for winning the BCE geography bee for grades

4, 5 and 6. The test was given like this: Ms. Cherota, librarian, called out the questions, and students wrote the answers on a sheet of paper or answered out loud. After Jake won the BCE bee, he took the State Spelling Bee test and is waiting for the results. Good luck. We all hope you win.

Everybody is a winner at Bay Catholic. The Building Campaign finally reached its goal. Many thanks to the Faye family and all the others who dedicated their time and money toward our new building. Many of you who helped with the fund raisers may be interested to know that the Brett Favre jersey went to a Kila kid.

Some of the kids here have started a prayer group every Monday in Mrs. Gleber's classroom. Children gather and pray for anyone in mind. Mrs. Karen Renz helped get everything in order from when it should be to who will come.

It was started because the school felt a need for more prayer. Anyone is invited. Six showed up last week, and we hope to see more.

Another group of students, Mimsie Ladner, Robert Goggin, Christy Gleber, and Lee Klein are part of CISV, CISV (Children's International Summer Village) is about children who are gifted in ability to work with other children. The students go through a tree-step process in CISV.

First, the faculty votes for two girls and two boys who will be 11 by July 1. They also have to qualify for kindness and ability to work with other children.

Second, they go to three workshops and show the ability to work with the children there and be able to put up with a lot. Third, they are picked to go to a selection of two cities, one in the U.S. and one elsewhere in

the world. The whole deal is to expose children in other cultures to ours.

Other students are accepting the Presidential Challenge. It is a one-mile walk/run, sit up, V set and reach pull-ups, shuttle run and flex arm hang exercises that promote physical fitness.

It takes six weeks to complete the challenge. You get a certificate. Yes, the President signs it.

Before we go, BCE is having a Mardi Gras parade. Ms. Connie's king, Brennan Simolke said he is looking forward to meeting and toasting the Mayor and also riding in a convertible. Ms. Connie is queen, Mercedes Thomas said she likes being queen, and three women in her family are also queens.

Ms. Klein's king and queen, Rahien Lyons and Sarah Haas, each said they like being king or queen but were nervous. Please pray for no rain on parade day.

Waveland Elementary School

HONOR ROLL
THIRD GRADE
Alpha: Whitney Arrowood,
Jeremy Bell, Anna Breland,
Brandy Dailey, Lorrin Debenport,
Joshua Garcia, Sarah Gardner,
Stephanie Gardner, Emily Giattina,
Kati Hamilton, Ryan Heath,

Cassie Holzhauser, Myko Johnson, Zachary Kingston, Anthony Lader, Sean McMaster, Mishako Moore, Robert Necaise, Linda Nguyen, Samantha Phillips, Kayla Pokey, Louis Prendergast, Heath Riddle, Shawn Riddle, Kimberly Robertson, Lorna Sargent, Amanda Staples, Michelle Thorpe, Lean Tran, Lindsey Trotter, Laura Wadell.

Beta: Brittany Allemen, Chantelle Alley, Robert Bare, Justin Bishop, Courtney Bissonette, Corbin Blaize, Sidney Bourdeau, Amanda Bufkin, George Guichet, Billy Jackson, Khoo Ly, Samantha Lyerly, Evan Mitchell, Megan Schmitt, Jackie Dillard.

Gamma: Brittney Allemen, Chantelle Alley, Robert Bare, Justin Bishop, Courtney Bissonette, Corbin Blaize, Sidney Bourdeau, Amanda Bufkin, George Guichet, Billy Jackson, Khoo Ly, Samantha Lyerly, Evan Mitchell, Megan Schmitt, Jackie Dillard.

158 Commercial Property

COMMERCIAL BUILDING WITH adjoining efficiency apartment. Water, in finished, \$900/month, \$3000/month. 100 ft. Main Ave. E.B.L. 463-0043 or 467-3935.

159 Houses For Sale

FOR SALE BY OWNER NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath on 3 acres, private pond. Parkington, MS. \$5,000/down \$450/month. 466-9576.

GOVT FORECLOSED homes from parties on \$1. Delinquent tax. Rep'd, REO's. Your area. Toll Free 1-800-218-6000 Ext. H 3599 for current listings.

HOME BUILT IN 1990's: 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, approx. 1,548 sq. ft. Other features included: fireplace, \$85,000. Located in Parkington, 225-533-7015.

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VERSUS
GLADYS E. WEGMAN, DEFENDANT
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE UNDER EXECUTION
CAUSE NO. 97-082
 By virtue of the heretofore stated execution to me directed by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, I will on the 30th day of March, 1994, at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, within the legal hours of 11:00 o'clock A.M. and 4:00 o'clock P.M., expose to sale, at public outcry, to the highest and best bidder for cash, all the right, interest and claim of the Defendant, GLADYS E. WEGMAN, owner in and to the following described real property, to-wit:
 Lot 28, Block 3, Unit 4, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Which has been levied on as the property of the Defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy the judgment entered in this action in the amount of \$204.00, together with delinquent assessments from November 25, 1992, plus interest as provided for in the covenants of Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc., from date until paid and attorney's fees in the amount of 20% of the amount owed, together with all costs of this proceeding.

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OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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VERSUS
BONNIE J. MARTIN & ELVIRA S. MARTIN, DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE UNDER EXECUTION
CAUSE NO. 97-083

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 Lot 104, Block 2, Unit 1, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 3, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Which has been levied on as the property of the Defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy the judgment entered in this action in the amount of \$1,000.00, together with delinquent assessments from November 25, 1992, plus interest as provided for in the covenants of Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc., from date until paid and attorney's fees in the amount of 20% of the amount owed, together with all costs of this proceeding.

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OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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VERSUS
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CAUSE NO. 97-084

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Which has been levied on as the property of the Defendant(s) and will be sold to satisfy the judgment entered in this action in the amount of \$272.17, together with delinquent assessments from November 25, 1992, plus interest as provided for in the covenants of Diamondhead Country Club and Property Owners Association, Inc., from date until paid and attorney's fees in the amount of 20% of the amount owed, together with all costs of this proceeding.

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VERSUS
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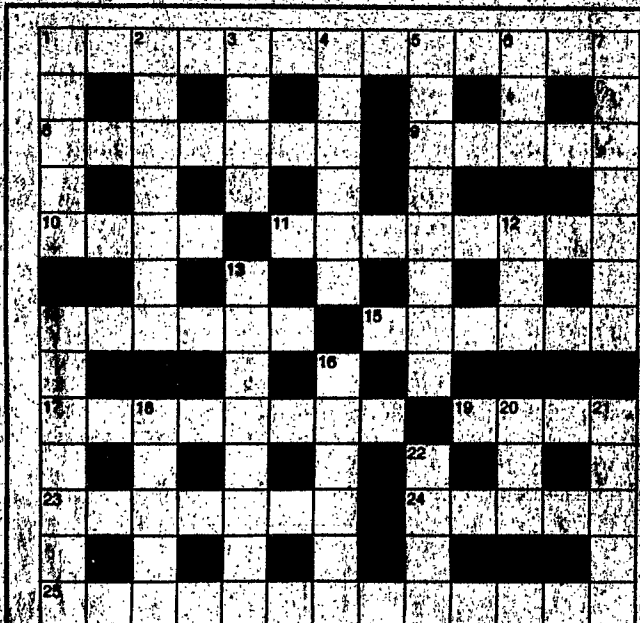
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9. Bush
10. Capital of Yemen
11. In a marginal way
14. Hayfield
15. Thawed
17. Cooling system
19. Rigs
23. Low temperature
24. Softens
25. Interval

CLUES DOWN

1. Contacts
2. Balkan country
3. Campel
4. Airtype of jet engine
5. Departed
6. Lubricate
7. Moved
12. Tell on
13. Traveler
14. Cocktail
16. Japanese island
18. Nonreligious person
20. Give trouble to
21. Guinea peoples
22. Discharge

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Weatherproofs
8. Fabulum
9. Salal
10. Sana
11. Meagerly
14. Meadow
15. Melted
17. Radiator
19. Cabs
23. Iciness
24. Melts
25. Interruptions

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Wipes
2. Albania
3. Hale
4. Ramjet
5. Resigned
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7. Splayed
12. Rat
13. Voyager
14. Martini
16. Honshu
18. Deist
20. All
21. Susus
22. Emit

Fairhope schedules 46th annual festival

More than 230 artists and craftspeople will exhibit their wares at the 46th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival in Fairhope, Ala., this year.

The reason for the popularity among exhibitors is obvious. The event draws people — an estimated 175,000 — to the quaint Mobile Bay area community last year for the three-day event, which this year takes place March 26-28.

In addition to the highest quality crafts, art visitors will enjoy free entertainment, a wide sampling of classic festival foods and loads of fun for all ages.

Traditional keepsakes will also be available, such as the po-

pular festival t-shirts, postcards, cups, and for the second year the annual Commemorative Festival collector pin will be sold.

But there will be a host of new and exciting twists this year that will make the event unique and different.

Countless volunteers generously donate their time to make the festival a success. But, corporate sponsors have also helped to make it one of the best shows in the country, as voted by readers of Sunshine Artist magazine, the nation's premier show and festival guide.

Call the Eastern Chamber of Commerce at 928-6387 for more information.

Grand Theatre hosts 'Jazz Age of Fashion'

Biloxi Grand Theatre presents 'Ebony Fashion Fair's Jazz Age of Fashion' at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 3.

The world's largest traveling fashion show will feature designs that exemplify an age of fashion where women break tradition and wear the clothes they love the most.

'Jazz Age of Fashion' de-

signs are sleek, embracing the body with bright reds, electric blues and exotic greens with all the energy of the flapper era.

This, Ebony's 40th anniversary fashion show, will feature styles by world famous designers such as Bill Blass, Bob Mackie, Givenchy, Yves Saint Laurent and Oscar de la Renta.

Other designers included are Valentino, Jean Louis Scherr, Rioni, Christian Dior, Emanuel Ungaro and Nina Ricci.

Ebony Fashion Fair, since its inception in 1958, has donated more than \$44 million to charitable organizations. The show is a fundraising event for Phi Beta Sigma fraternity's and Zeta Phi Beta sorority's scholarship funds.

Tickets are \$25/floor general admission and \$21/balcony general admission and are available at the Biloxi Grand Theatre Box Office (1-800-WIN-2-WIN).

Ticket prices include a one-year subscription to Ebony magazine or a six-month subscription to Jet Magazine.

Mississippi Tour Guide available

The first annual Mississippi Tour Guide gives tourists a new resource to the sites and happenings in the Magnolia State. The guide, available to visitors at the 11 welcome centers strategically located throughout the state, provides essential information for travelers.

The Mississippi Tourism Association (MTA) produced the handy, 88-page, four-color, pocket-size book. Half a million guides — free to the public — were printed for distribution in 1998.

The guide offers a strong starting point for visitors to Mississippi. For convenience, the book is divided by distant regions — the Delta, Heartland, Hills, River Cities, and Coast. Each section lists cities by attractions, special events and outdoor recreation activities. Hotels and restaurants that are members of MTA are listed as well.

The mission of the MTA, the voice of the Mississippi Tourism and Hospitality Industry, is to promote and advocate tourism.

McCormick to lead free Saturday workshop

Artist Vanda McCormick of Gulfport will lead two free art workshops in "weaving" Saturday, Feb. 28, sponsored by the Walter Anderson Museum of Art and International Paper Company Foundation at the museum, 510 Washington Avenue, Ocean Springs.

Participants will learn to weave on and off a loom, adding mixed media to their creations.

The children's workshop for ages 6 and above will be from 10 a.m.-noon, and the adult session runs from 1-3 p.m. Because of limited space, advance registration is required. Call 872-3164 for

information or to reserve space.

McCormick is a professional artist with over 20 years experience in weaving, painting, pottery and sculpture. She teaches art at Poppa Ferry and Beauvoir Elementary schools. She has a bachelor's of fine arts and a master's in education in art, both from William Carey College on the Coast. McCormick has taught in the Biloxi School District for eight years.

The Walter Anderson Museum of Art is supported in part by funding from the Mississippi Arts Commission, a state agency.

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